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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

Stockport.

The result is disappointing—for, after Wrekin, we had hoped for better things, although, as we hinted a fortnight ago, it was impossible, in the peculiar circumstances of the election, to predict the result. Still, between five and six thousand Independent votes are not to be sneezed at—*and we shall do better next time.*

May 21st, 1921.

That is the date by which Germany is to be told how much the Allies want in the way of Reparation—and then she is to have thirty years in which to pay it. Oh, Mr. Wilson, what *have* you done for us?

Germany Laughing.

The first payment Germany was to make by way of Indemnity was the cost of the Rhine Army of Occupation. So far, "apart from certain payments in local currency," she has paid nothing, and already owes us about fifty millions under this head alone! Well may she laugh!

Labour Sanity.

There are signs that Labour is settling down to a saner view of things. All honour to Mr. Thomas and Mr. Clynes for the part they are playing.

Industrial Assurance.

This matter is receiving our best attention, and we hope to deal further with it next week. We are investigating complaints from Agents and others, and are affording the various companies the opportunity of answering them.

Quite True.

We notice that in a competition announced by the *Wiltshire Times*, one of the prizes is "a magnificent photogravure of 'Horatio Bottomley refusing the Crown of England.'" Like Cæsar, we are not ambitious. Let Mr. Smiley wear it.

Our "American Cousins."

What nonsense it is to be always talking about America as a great Anglo-Saxon nation! About 60 per cent. of the population of the United States is Latin, Southern European, Russian, Asiatic, German and Nigger stock. Always remember that.

Bravo, Canada!

"Horatio Bottomley need not entertain worry on the score of Canada uniting politically or commercially with the United States. . . . Canada will never forget the quiet cemeteries of France's peaceful hillsides." Thus the *Free Press* of London, Ontario. That's the stuff to give us!

The Rhine Army.

We propose to ask Mr. Churchill who is really responsible for the supreme command of the Army of the Rhine. At present it seems a case of Go-as-you-please.

President Wilson.

Some years ago we reluctantly drew aside the veil which was hiding from the public the truth about the health of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain. Shall we be forced to do the same in the case of Mr. Wilson?

One For Pussyfoot.

Thus the Vicar of Hampstead Garden Suburb, the Rev. B. G. Bourchier: "If I had my way, I would have emblazoned on banners: 'God Save the King and the Beer for the British People.'" We like Bourchier.

Another One for the P.O.

We recently congratulated the Post Office upon delivering to us a letter addressed simply, "Horatio, London," and now that record has been beaten by an envelope with nothing on the face of it but our photo, cut from one of the picture papers—and posted in Gloucester!

For the Best and Most Exclusive Political Information, see "Behind The Speaker's Chair" in the "NATIONAL NEWS" every Sunday.

The New Chief Secretary.

Ireland has been the grave of many a political reputation, and we are sincerely sorry to see the future career of Sir Hamar Greenwood—one of the manliest men in the Government—risked upon the gamble of an almost impossible task.

The *Daily Herald*.

We are all for Labour having its own paper, but we don't quite like the idea of Trades Unions risking their funds in such a speculative undertaking. We hope, for instance, that the Workers' Union won't lose the £1,000 it has just invested.

Municipal Economy.

An East End doctor recently notified a case of infectious disease to the Borough Council—for doing which he was entitled to a fee of one shilling. In due course it arrived, accompanied by an elaborate document, a huge cheque bearinga 2d. stamp, and an official form of receipt. Wouldn't a dozen stamps have done just as well?

France.

The Government must walk warily if trouble with France is to be avoided. We were over there last week, and they are saying nasty things.

Ireland and the War.

Is it the fact that the Irish death-roll exceeded 50,000, a percentage of the population equal to that of Canada or Australia? If so, we must not forget it.

Lady Astor.

We suppose that in law Lady Astor *is* entitled to sit in the House of Commons, notwithstanding the fact that Lord Astor, on the death of his father, was compelled to leave it?

Our Debt to America.

Why not get a Return of all American securities now held in Britain, and then buy them, compulsorily, with State Bonds, and use them for the purpose of clearing off our debt to the United States?

Sarcastic.

Thus a telegram, sent to us from Plymouth on March 31st: "Arrive Paddington early morning train from foreign service. Please arrange cheering crowd and our share Armistice welcome—Two Naval Reserve Officers." But all the cheering crowds for the moment are engaged—by the politicians.

A Tall Order.

Mr. Bevin startled the Dockers' Court of Inquiry by telling it that the average amount of wheat carried by a man on his back was seventy-one tons a day. At least, so says the *Daily Express*—which is seldom caught napping. Three hundredweight every minute of an eight-hours' day!

Poor Mann!

Daily Herald, April 7th (page 2).

Insidious suggestions for bloody revolution and all the familiar clap-trap heard at times like these are being propagated (at the bye-election in Edinburgh). Graham-Pole (the Labour candidate) characterises them as a libel and points out that *no responsible leader in the Labour movement wants anarchy or bloodshed.*

Same paper, Same Date, next page.

Asked his opinion of Lenin, Mr. Tom Mann, Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, said: "I entirely approve of all that he does . . . I am happy to state that he has been able, thanks to circumstances, to give a body to our common ideas—in a word, to transform them into realities. The future of the world is in Russia."

Press-man's inhumanity to Mann makes countless thousands mourn!

Irish.

Headlines in two Irish newspapers: "Lord Mayor of Cork Foully Murdered; Police Constable Shot Dead." "Lord Mayor of Cork Assassinated; Police Constable Killed." Regarding them a Kerry policeman poetises: "The difference 'twixt killing and murder, the people at last plainly see; 'Tis murder to kill a civilian, and killing to murder an R.I.C." Our friend should take an orange.

Biggar's Small Wage.

The magnificent salary of 7s. 6d. per week and free lodgings is offered the caretaker of a block of labourers' dwellings in Glasgow, who is expected "to execute small repairs and attend to letting in his spare time"—in the intervals of drawing dividends, we presume. The advertiser is one John M. Biggar—the I.L.P. champion and exponent of the principle of "a fair day's wage for a fair day's work," at the Paisley by-election!

The *Flush* Scandal.

Though the s.s. *Flush* was lost in the Baltic in November with 16 hands from Blyth, Messrs. Hannevig Brothers, the London agents for the American owners, have given not a penny of compensation to the dependants. Many of these poor people have not even had their insurance money, and have had to sell their furniture for bread. The American Government ought to take some action to bring the owners to a sense of humanity and justice.

"Taking into Consideration—"

The Portsmouth Profiteering Committee recently had before them the case of an outfitter who sold for 25s. 6d. a boy's overcoat in which the buyer later found a 16s. 11d. label. Evidence at the enquiry proved that the garment was pre-war stock, sold in 1914 for 6s. wholesale. "Taking into consideration the cost of replacing the coat in 1919," the Committee regarded the price as "not excessive." Taking into consideration the definition of profiteering as a disproportionate margin between buying and selling price, we consider it high time Portsmouth had a new Committee.

Housed.

There is, at any rate, one woman who has found a house—the Workhouse. Her name is Mrs. Burge, and she is the wife of an ex-Service man of Addleston. Recently an Ejectment Order was made against her. At the end of 21 days the police bundled her furniture into the roadway. "Ultimately it was conveyed by kindly disposed tradesmen into stables," and the poor woman and her three children retired into the workhouse. The broad facts, as stated, suggest treatment against which such people ought to be adequately protected.

Hedging.

For living in a hut, 10 ft. by 4 ft., with three children, a man and his wife have been sent to prison for three months. "All five slept on one straw palliasse, covered by a dirty sheet and some rags," a policeman told the Marlborough Magistrates. "Fortunately, although very filthy, the three boys were well nourished." The plea of the parents was that they paid 1s. 6d. a week rent for the hut, which they had to occupy because they could find no other accommodation. According to a witness, their previous abode was "a rough shelter under a hedge, where one of the boys was born." So that there are really two solutions of the housing problem. One is workhouse and the other is gaol!

Gratuitous Brutality.

If it is true, as alleged by a local resident, that men in charge of cattle at Horwich Market refuse to allow the beasts in their charge to drink from the water-troughs, and the R.S.P.C.A. inspectors and police see thirsty animals tied up within sight of water without being allowed to touch it, then those responsible for such an outrage deserve to go thirsty in Hades. We suggest that the R.S.P.C.A. should send a raiding party next market day.

Bumbles and Baby.

"Guardians" is a term unmerited by the Bridgend Board, a body of heartless bureaucrats who refuse to shelter a three-months-old baby deserted by its mother. True, she had left it with its father, but a single man with practically no means is no fit foster-mother for such an infant. Why could they not have taken it, let the police find the mother, and cause an Order to be made against the man? At the worst, they might have received it as a paying guest; but no—let the baby die!

Lay on the Lash!

The present wave of sexual offences against young girls will, we fear, increase in volume unless the Magistrates as a body determine to make the resultant punishment fit the crime. A bestial young carter of Alloa, Scotland, John Greig by name, was recently brought up at the local Burgh Court on the charge of having dragged a girl of nine into the public park, forced her into a lavatory, and there assaulted her. He was convicted—but let off with a paltry fine of £1 or 10 days' imprisonment. The foul brute's back should have been laid open with the lash.

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"Poor Little Kiddies."

The more we see of it, the less we like the system of child "adoption" through the medium of advertisements. Every day we get evidence of this cynical traffic in the lives of innocent babes, considerable "premiums" being frequently offered as the price of "full surrender." In some cases, no doubt, the parties are blameless, but we are strongly of opinion that as a general rule such transactions should be permitted only under the strictest safeguards. The provisions of the Children Act do not go nearly far enough.

Stiggins in Cardiff.

Stiggins has been thoroughly enjoying himself in Cardiff, where "several prominent social questions" have been discussed under the auspices of the National Council of Public Morals. One delegate, a Pentre pastor, suggested that the Sunday milk round was a wicked desecration of the Sabbath; another said that by publishing racing news the newspapers "had added another handle to the machinery operating in moral destruction"; while Principal A. E. Garvies alleged that "wherever a person wanted to get a shilling for ninepence there was a spirit of betting and gambling." But Mr. Lloyd George offered ninepence for fourpence—and hasn't paid up yet!

Going Farther to Fare Worse.

Writing to us, the Assistant Secretary of the British Chamber of Commerce, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, says that ex-Service men with very slender means are arriving there to meet with dire disappointment. "Brazil," he tells us, "is quite a happy hunting ground for the man with money—and a lot of it—but for the employee it's quite a different tale." *Verb. sap.*

Cardiff Charwomen.

The chief officials of the Corporation of Cardiff have had some very nice recommendations put forward with respect to their salaries. Those of the City Engineer and Waterworks Engineer are to go up to £1,500 a year; that of the Medical Officer of Health to £1,400. Yet, when an application from the Charwomen for an increase of wages came before the same Committee, it was deferred. Which was not very creditable to Cardiff.

Meouw-wow-ow!

For some reason or other there is at present an alarming run on cats—the advertisement columns of the newspapers testify to it. "I have just suffered from the loss of a specially favourite cat, which was seen by a neighbour to be picked up and taken away outside our own door, and I am told that cats are being stolen all round. The high prices for skins seem to be an incentive to stealing," writes a lady living in Earl's Court. We shall tell a policeman. Because a cat has nine lives is no reason why it should lose one of them in the interest of pernicious profiteers.

The Prohibition Exodus.

The aliens are reported to be leaving the United States in large parcels. Disgusted with Prohibition, fed up with the offensive inquisition forced upon them by Pussyfooters, Europeans with red blood in their veins and a healthy and proper liking for the red and white wines of their forefathers, provided they have money enough for the journey, are leaving Yankeeland as fast as ships can be found to accommodate them. The boasted Land o' Freedom has become a Land o' Boredom and Bumbledom.

Poorly Paid Performers.

We are led to believe that many of the clever women musicians who play in the orchestras of the smart London restaurants are paid the merest pittance. For a leading violin, whose musical education is both lengthy and costly, to receive a paltry 29s. a week is simply sweating. The excuse may be advanced by the restaurant management that their musicians are at liberty to teach in the mornings. But the time taken up by the necessary practice, if the players desire to keep up-to-date and efficient, leaves them little or no opportunity for supplementing their wretched pay in that manner.

Straining the Law.

As a result of a prosecution by the local District Council, Mr. Arthur Jona, of Wallington, has been ordered to pull down a hut which he had erected in his back garden. This hut he had fitted with up-to-date electrical appliances, and in it carried on a skilled practice as a medical electrician, backed by the doctors and encouraged by the community. The hut is in nobody's way and does nobody harm. It is technically "not in accord with the by-laws," that's all. Nobody lives in it or sleeps in it. It is just a room for treating patients. By all accounts, Mr. Jona has been harshly treated by Magistrates and Council.

Mud, but No Water.

We have already drawn attention to the scandalous fashion in which the Southend district is served by the local Water Company. Since the absurdly restricted supply constitutes a menace to the public health, the Minister of Health has been informed of the condition of affairs, and it is to be hoped that he will act. The fact is that for some 14 hours out of the 24 Southend closets cannot be flushed!

Hunfit.

One of the revelations of Mr. A. M. Trotter to a Glasgow Corporation sub-committee is that during the six months from September, 1919, to February, 1920, 3,568 carcases of frozen mutton had to be seized and destroyed, and in addition 38 sides, 51 legs, 15 mid-cuts, 79 trunks, and 1 flank—the whole lot being unfit for human food. It might have been sent to the Huns. They are not human.

A Patriot Professor.

In resigning from the professorship of surgery at the McGill (Montreal) University, Dr. J. M. Elder gave as his reason the action of the Board in appointing a German to be the Professor of Pathology. Dr. Elder, who was a Colonel in the Canadian Army, says he will never associate with German colleagues—and, to the everlasting shame of the University, the patriot was allowed to go while the Hun, Dr. Horst Oerpel, remains. What a prospect for our Auckland!

Glasgow Justice.

Mr. Weir, a Glasgow Shops Act Inspector, laid a nice little trap. By sending in "a hungry-looking lad," he no doubt calculated on playing upon a ham-and-beef shopkeeper's feelings of sympathy, and thereby induced him to commit the crime of supplying a meat pie after hours. The sapient Sheriff remarked that 'to the ordinary man it has the aspect of creating a crime," and then showed himself to be no ordinary man by fining the accused £7! A crushing fine for an act of humanity, law or no law.

"Uncivil."

Replying to a demobbed soldier who recently informed us that "there is Government work—a flying depot—round here at Ascot where civilians are employed, a great many of whom have never served their country in any way during the war," Mr. W. H. Lawrence states that "at No. 6 Stores Depot there are 150 civilians engaged in packing aeroplanes and engines for dispatch to overseas stations—95 per cent. being ex-Service men, of whom 90 per cent. saw foreign service." Our original informant seems to be a deplorable exaggerator—and we are glad for the ex-soldiers' sake to hear this different version.

The "Reward" of Honesty.

An honest girl at Birmingham picked up a wallet containing £765 in notes and promptly returned it to its owner. A day or so later her reward arrived in the shape of a Treasury Note for £1, with the polite thanks of the professional gentleman whom she had saved from a disastrous loss. The girl returned the money, preferring, as she neatly observed, that "virtue should be its own reward," whereupon the owner of the wallet wrote to inquire "whether £5 would be considered satisfactory." Still the young lady sticks to it that she "wishes for nothing and will accept nothing." After all, this seems about the figure to fit the gentleman's fancy. Like John Gilpin's wife, he has "a frugal mind."

Policy of Pin-Pricks.

For many months workers at Woolwich Arsenal were stopped payment for their 20 minutes' tea time, until it was suddenly discovered that such stoppages were illegal. Now, any ordinary employer with the average amount of common sense would have seen that if it were illegal to stop the money it was only decent to disgorge the ill-gotten gain. Not so the Arsenal. The result of this system of pin-pricks is a discontented workpeople—rich material for creating trouble.

An Impressive Warning.

It is our aim to present all sides of the great emigration question. At the moment, an official delegation of women is visiting the principal Dominions, and presently, no doubt, they will return to report that "everything in the garden is lovely." But is it true? Our postbag teems with warnings in a contrary sense, penned by folks who obviously have no axe to grind and nothing to gain by tampering with the truth of the situation. "For God's sake," writes a warm-hearted British woman at Claremont, Western Australia, "do your best to prevent English girls coming to Australia." The whole letter is an impressive human document.

The Deposit System.

Before and during the Motor Show in November last the G.W.K. Motor Car Company, Maidenhead, booked probably thousands of orders for their light cars at the price of £275, requiring a deposit of £20 in respect of each. Two months later the price was raised to £325, and on the 17th of March it was advanced again to £425. It is true that waiting would-be buyers have been given an opportunity to cancel their orders, or to confirm them at the new price. But the fact remains that these innumerable deposits of £20 have reposed, without interest, in the Company's hands for many months. It is a system of trading that we do not admire.

An Averted Panic.

Outward bound from Liverpool, the steamship *Ortega* encountered heavy seas and was badly disabled, the passengers being aroused from their berths in the early morning and ordered to don their lifebelts. It was a trying experience, which might have been a great deal worse but for the pluck and presence of mind of Second-Steward Mason, who gamely sat down to the piano, and, with the aid of a few helpers, kept a lively musical programme going till the worst of the danger was over. The Captain has received an honorarium of £100, subscribed by the grateful passengers. And very nice too. But a "fiver" or so for the plucky steward might not have been amiss.

Cranks and Education.

There has been a wonderful debate at Norwich in regard to the "education" of school children. The ball was started by Mr. H. E. Witard, who thought that schools were no better than prisons, and that no child should be compelled to attend until the age of 16 years. Then someone quoted Mr. Athelstan Riley to the effect that "every child was by nature a liar, a thief, and a murderer," the suggestion being that if he were left to "roam the meadows" till 16 years of age he would in all likelihood develop into "an untamable savage." From start to finish it was a fine and lofty discussion, unspoilt by the intrusion of anything so vulgar as common sense. It is to be hoped that Norwich will never start exporting its cranks.

Starvation for Specialists.

We should like to ask the directors of the Clinical Research Association, Ltd., of Watergate House, Adelphi, London, W.C., whether they are prepared to lay their hands on their hearts and declare that £100 a year is adequate pay for a Pathological and Bacteriological Assistant.

Five Bob for Four Letters.

A London telephone user who desired the addition of four letters—"& Son"—to his business name in the Telephone Directory, received a cool demand for a remittance of 5s. "for the alteration of records involved." We consider this charge exorbitant for a moment's work, and as approaching the summit of impudence.

A Dodge for a Medal?

If there are any spare medals about, Mr. Charles Dodge, an Eastleigh riveter, ought to have one. According to a Police Sergeant, in evidence he gave before the Southampton County Bench, Dodge swore continuously in his bedroom from 10 o'clock one night until 5 o'clock the next morning—when it may be assumed that he fell asleep from exhaustion. Dodge was fined £2; the police-sergeant who stood for seven solid hours under the man's bedroom window to listen to the performance was let off without even a caution.

Houses as Goldmines.

An enormous amount of profiteering is being done in house property. Houses bought for anything under £300 easily sell for £700 or more. £1,200 is the extraordinary price for a very ordinary house. For the protection of people compelled to buy a house in order to have one to live in, it is suggested that Parliament should authorise legislation fixing the landlord's profits on sale at a certain percentage on the price he originally gave, plus what he may have spent in war time on decorations and repairs. The chance of obtaining legislation of this kind is, however, not at all rosy.

Southend Law.

"Britain for the British" is a sound and popular cry, but "Southend for the Southenders" is cutting it a bit too fine. However, Judge Dawson Crawford, of the Southend County Court, declares that he cannot be bothered to protect the tenancies of residents whose occupation is in London "unless there is evidence that it is necessary for the man's health, or the health of any of his family, to live in Southend." Apart from the serious hardship involved to many persons who, for years past, have paid rates in Southend, the learned Judge appears to us to be guilty of a perverse and strained interpretation of the law as regards tenants' rights.

Prevaricacious.

That Police Sergeant who admitted, in the witness box at Mortlake Police Court, that he told a lie to assist his observations in a local hostelry raises an old, old question. A customer challenged him as a policeman, and the Sergeant said he wasn't. "There is no man in the force who would not have lied in the circumstances," he claimed. It is a sweeping declaration, but a policeman ought to know if anybody does. On the whole, it is desirable for a constable, as for politicians and the rest of us, to tell as much of the truth as we can spare. "I speak truth," confesses Montaigne in one of his essays, "not so much as I would, but as much as I dare; and I dare a little the more as I grow older." Practice makes perfect, you see.

CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

This page is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To Mrs. Lloyd George, 10, Downing Street, London.

DEAR PREMIERESS,—You have decided that your "greatest sphere of usefulness is outside the House of Commons," and, by inference, inside the house of George. Lady Beaconsfield and Mrs. Gladstone had no chance in their day of entering the sacred Chamber where their spouses fought each other not only hammer and tongs but also tooth and nail. If they were still with us, they would probably have said they had all their work cut out to manage their husbands at home. I venture to imagine also that Mr. Lloyd George keeps you rather busy. On the whole, and speaking 'twixt you and me and nobody else, I think you are entitled to make a bit of fuss of him and take as much personal care of him as you would of any other valuable ornament. Even a Prime Minister is liable to poke his toes through his socks—but that's your affair, so I will say no more about it. If you go on trying to mend your husband while others are trying to end him, I have no reason to suppose that you will fail to receive the full measure of reward.

JOHN BULL.

To Sir Cyril Cobb, Chairman, London Education Committee.

DEAR SIR CYRIL,—Say what you will, I am forced to the conclusion that the London school-teachers have a very tangible grievance as regards pay and prospects. What *can* you say in defence of a system under which a married man of 40, a trained and certificated teacher with a University degree, may be earning less than £3 10s. weekly? This is not an imaginary case, but an actual instance of gross under-payment vouched for by one of your own headmasters. The poor fellow, I am told, is so hard put to it to make ends meet that he has had to take a job as a window-cleaner during the Easter holidays. Really, this is scandalous.

JOHN BULL.

To A. R. Reade, Esq., B.A., Mansfield House University Settlement, Canning Town, E.

DEAR MR. READE,—I do hope the work of the library to be opened at Mansfield House won't be hampered for lack of the paltry sum—"at least £200"—which is needed to set it going. As I understand, the library is one which was long used by officers and men of the B.E.F. at Havre, and it is now to serve as an East End centre for men and women interested in literature, art, and thought. Despite ever-mounting prices, there are still a great many people in London who have more money than they know what to do with. If any of it should come your way I know you will be delighted to acknowledge the same, with thanks. JOHN BULL.

To Messrs. Bell and Co., Chemists, Malvern Road, Kilburn, N.W.

DEAR TRADESMEN,—I don't want to call you names, so I will content myself with stating the case against you as disclosed at the Police Court. According to the evidence for the prosecution, you had retailed the simple, harmless essence of peppermint at 3s. an ounce, this price representing a profit of 166 per cent. Accepting the charge as proved, the Magistrate fined you £5 and costs, a sum which should leave you a nice margin out of your illicit gains. If an ounce of peppermint costs 3s., I tremble to think what might be asked for a black draught, a blue pill, or a packet of cough-drops. Better run through your price list and obviate such "mistakes" for the future. JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. Raven, Shepherd's Bush, W.

DEAR OLD LADY,—I am rejoiced to know that at the ripe age of 96 you are so hale and hearty, and so full of interest in your surroundings. It may be hard work that has prolonged your years so far beyond "the allotted span," or it may be matrimonial felicity—for I understand that although now a widow, you have had three husbands of unexceptionable quality. Indeed, I think you must be what they call "the marrying sort," for I am told that since you were 80 years of age you have had as many as eight offers of marriage from eligible bachelors. However, you have refused them all, and I am not blaming you. Take your time, and choose wisely. JOHN BULL.

To Corporal Francis Pegahmagabow, Parry Sound, Ontario.

DEAR CORPORAL,—Red skin or white, I hail you as a man and a brother—my information being that, as a sniper attached to the Canadian Expeditionary Force, you personally shot nearly four hundred Germans during the war. I am not among those who hold up their hands in squeamish horror at this tale of blood and slaughter. War is war, and I am still of opinion that one dead German is worth six living ones in any proper appraisement of human values. At any rate, you did your duty with a skill that must command the respect of every honest patriot. I am glad to know that you were awarded the Military Medal with two bars. You ought, further, to be allowed to keep your rifle as an heirloom. JOHN BULL.

To Colonel A. McBean, Chairman of County Magistrates, Wolverhampton.

DEAR COLONEL,—There is an appearance of favoured treatment in the case of the woman who recently unsuccessfully prosecuted a young girl in your Court for alleged theft. What I complain about—and what a great many people complain about in your own town—is that though Police Superintendent Higgs did not scruple to mention in open Court the name of the girl charged, you made no protest whatever when he did not disclose the name of the prosecutrix, and acquiesced in its suppression. Why? Why should an innocent girl be dragged into a public Court and openly branded by name as a thief while the name of the woman who prosecutes her is withheld from public knowledge? I am sorry I do not know the name of the woman, or be assured I would carefully mention it.

JOHN BULL.

To Miss Ethel Williamson, The Cottage, Tain, Ross-shire.

MADAM,—The boys who have returned home from the war have asked of you a few square yards of sterile land in Nigg, on which stands a hut built by the military authorities. They wanted to purchase the building as a parish social hall, but it is no use their doing anything of the kind now, for you will not rent them the site. I recall that not long ago the Parish Council had to go to law with you about a graveyard. The existing one was overcrowded, and you were so unkind and callous that you would not let the parishioners have a bit of land even for laying their dead to rest. It is strange that, in these days, landlordism in Scotland should be discredited by a woman who, though living but a few miles distant from her tenants, seldom visits them, and whose only interest in them is apparently that of holding out her hand for the rents when they become due. JOHN BULL.

To the Messrs. E. Bourne and C. H. Margrett, Cheltenham Magistrates.

GENTLEMEN,—When you refused to make an Order against ex-soldiers for rates which had accrued in their absence on active service, you did no more than your moral duty, I know, though legally you could have taken the same ungenerous attitude as did your colleagues at Southend. Because of this, and because real consideration on the part of authorities for those who offered to their country all they had is so rare, I am constrained to ask you to accept the grateful thanks of all such men for the lead you have set other Magistrates throughout the land; and you know that the gratitude of those men is worth having. I hope your splendid example will be followed everywhere. JOHN BULL.

To Joseph Patrick Courman, Camberwell House Lunatic Asylum.

RUFFIAN,—I don't know whether you still occupy the post of Chief Night Attendant at this South London institution. When you were charged at Lambeth with a brutal assault on a poor old patient of 78, you pleaded, in mitigation of your far too easy sentence, that you were to be discharged from the place. I should think so, too. To drag an old man violently out of bed, clutch him by the throat and strike him heavily in the mouth—and all this because the poor old fellow was a little talkative that night—suggests that you possess a temper that unfits you for asylum work. I notice that you are named Patrick, and suggest that you emigrate to Ireland. You will find more congenial work there. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, Independent Labour Party.

SIR,—I see you are in hot water with your Labour friends, someone having stated that you were recently presented to the Queen of Norway on her arrival in this country. I suppose if this had been true you would have been damned for ever in the eyes of the Snowden-Macdonald clique and of "Labour" leaders who proclaim "Buckingham Palace To Let" as their lofty ideal, although in one who was practically born in a Royal Palace and was later a Page of Honour to Queen Victoria it would not have been at all a surprising act of civility. However, it now appears that the offender was not yourself but another gentleman of the same name, so the trouble has blown over. But doesn't it strike you that you are in a strange galley?

JOHN BULL.

To Stanley Lambert, Esq., O.B.E.

DEAR SIR,—The widest publicity should be given to the splendid patriotic services on account of which your name was included in the latest "Honours List." It was amid the horrors of the Ruhleben Prison Camp that you proved your mettle, using your knowledge of the German language to make known the wants of your fellow-prisoners, and, as occasion served, to mollify the brutal hatred of the Huns. At a later period, although possessed of no medical qualifications, you accepted the entire charge of an improvised hospital, so skilfully performing your duties that the number of deaths from epidemic disease was materially reduced. My own strong opinion is that such splendid services are poorly recompensed by the award of the O.B.E. A much finer reward was the illuminated testimonial presented to you by two thousand of your fellow-prisoners. JOHN BULL.

"BUY YOUR KIT, SIR!"

EX-SOLDIERS VICTIMISED BY CLOTHES DEALERS.

Messrs. L. Hart and Co., of 6, Pembridge Road, Bayswater, W., advertise themselves as "the oldest, largest, and best buyers in England, who give 50 per cent. more than other dealers." Stirred by this announcement, an Oxfordshire reader, having lately relinquished His Majesty's commission, made up a nice parcel containing a couple of tunics, a pair of "slacks," and ditto of puttees, all in good condition, leaving it to the conscience of Messrs. L. Hart & Co. to remit the fair value of the articles. In due course the firm intimated that—having examined the garments in question, and, presumably, added the "50 per cent. more than other dealers"—they were prepared to offer 5s. for the lot. The ex-officer has now reclaimed the articles, being 2s. out of pocket for postage—the result of paying too much attention to a misleading newspaper advertisement. In many instances, no doubt, the starveling bid is accepted, to save bother—and that, of course, is where the artful dealer scores.

ASS-TROLOGY AND ASSURANCE.

"AN HELPING HAND" FROM HAARLEM, HOLLAND.

"Had you only have known, you would have acted very differently in life," is the egregious opening of a touting circular received by a correspondent from a charlatan in Haarlem, Holland, who calls himself "Your old and trusted professor," C. Van de Zaar, and in a page of atrociously cyclostyled nonsense, has the assurance to offer "words of serious warning." "Your future now lays in balance," he says, "you are in a trance dream . . . your future is an absolute blank . . . you need advice and guidance . . . brightning and toneing up (as it were)"—and similar slobber *ad lib.*, all leading up to the offer of an "astounding atrological encyclopædia" that Van de Zaar asserts "would fill you with amazement and surprisement." The "prise" of this prodigious commodity is a paltry crown, and our "old and trusted professor" asks for nothing more—not even data upon which to found his "extensive and unique atrological reading," though it may interest him to know that the "Miss D. Bullen" to whom his screed was addressed is a Mr. Dunwell, and that he is not such a fool as to let the professor do him for five bob—despite his name!

A PLEA FOR THE DEMOBBED.

ANOTHER THREATENED GERMAN INVASION.

There should be nothing but sympathy with the efforts of the Variety Artists' Federation to rid the British music-hall stage of the Hunnish taint. In a recently published memorandum the Federation points out that—while so many British artists are out-of-work, or handicapped by the effects of war in their pursuit of a livelihood on the stage—managers and agents are besieged with offers from German performers, willing to work at almost any sacrifice if only they can regain their old footing in this country. An important factor in the situation is the rate of exchange between Great Britain and Germany, for, with British currency at its present inflated value in relation to German money, it is to the advantage of the Hun artists to offer their services at less than half their pre-war salaries, the scales being thus heavily loaded against the British performer. With characteristic artfulness, the organisation of variety artistes in Berlin offers to admit five British "turns" into German territory if the V.A.F. will allow fifteen German artistes to enter Great Britain. But this, it is pointed out, is an entirely valueless concession, as in existing circumstances no British performer can earn his accustomed salary in Germany.

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OUR HUNT FOR CHAMPIONS.

BY A. G. ("SMILER") HALES.

By the time this is in print we shall know if the boy from Walsall, Jim Slater, has advanced sufficiently in the short time that has elapsed since I found him, a raw middleweight novice, to be worth sending to London to have a flutter with one of the best middleweights of the day at the great JOHN BULL Tournament. Pascha Jones, Slater's opponent, is a real good game lad, and if he is the victor it by no means follows that the Walsall boy is done with. I think it quite likely that I shall be able to match the winner of this bout with a grandly built lad, whose friends claim the Championship of Cheshire for him at the middleweight limit. This youth's name is Johnson; he is a protégé of Mr. O'Donnell, the boxing promoter at Stockport; and as I want to bring off some JOHN BULL contests there and at Bury, possibly Johnson may meet either Jones or Slater at one of those places. The more fighting these championship aspirants have in public the better for them—for only by fighting before strange crowds can lads get the "feel" of the ring, and they have few chances of doing this in the provinces. From what I have seen of young Johnson, he should prove an ugly customer. He is strongly built and has a solid punch in both hands, and is not afraid of anyone.

In a former issue I mentioned that I had a lad, weight eight-stone six, who would like to make a "star turn" at a JOHN BULL Tournament in London for a purse, with Harold Jones, the boxer from whom Higgins, the present Bantam Champion of Great Britain, won the belt after a long and strenuous battle of thirteen rounds. The JOHN BULL boy is still willing, but as we have heard nothing from Jones, perhaps he feels shy of meeting a raw lad from the provinces! However, I will wait a little longer and give him a chance to retrieve some of the glory he lost when Higgins lowered his colours. He can learn all about the purse by writing to this office.

A BIGOTED BENCH.

SABBATARIAN FOLLY ROBS SOLDIERS' ORPHANS.

Listen, do. At Wisbech Borough Police Court, the other morning, Police Superintendent Roythorne informed the Bench of a proposal that the Town Band should give a Sunday evening concert in the Alexandra Theatre, in aid of the Deceased Soldiers' Children's Fund. Not altogether an unholy project, one might have thought; yet at the bare suggestion the green-eyed Chadbands among the Wisbech Magistrates lifted up their hands in holy horror, as if it had been proposed to pollute "the Lord's Day" with some orgy of nameless vice. As the Alexandra Theatre, kindly loaned by the proprietor for the occasion, had only a six days' licence, it was necessary to obtain the authority of the Bench before the concert could be held, and it was soon evident that Superintendent Roythorne's application was to meet with flat refusal. First there was Mr. Layle, an ornament of the local Gas and Water Company, who "did not like Sunday concerts," and thought it might be a good idea if the concert and collection for the orphans of fallen soldiers were held in the public park, to the refreshing accompaniment of a possible downpour of rain. Then there was Mr. E. Dawbarn, a local provision merchant, whose generous heart misgave him lest an odd sixpence or two might go to the soldiers' kiddies instead of into the collection plate at church or chapel. So the Bench refused the application, and, unless some satisfactory substitute can be arranged, the orphans of the brave will go without the proceeds of the concert arranged for their benefit. Such are the cruel effects of crass and stupid bigotry on the Bench.

THE MADDOX STREET SCANDAL.

ALSO CONCERNING SOME LONDON MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS AND THE UNDESIRABLE ALIEN.

By Charles Palmer, M.P. (Assistant Editor).

THIS is no journalistic "stunt"—the grave subject which, in the national interests, we are compelled to discuss, is one we would willingly put aside if such a course were consistent with public duty. And we would say this further by way of preface: that JOHN BULL has always and studiously set its face against the Prude on the Prowl, and deprecated the misguided attempts of those who seek, by repressive means, to drive what we may call the "normal vice" of a great City underground. But there has grown up in our midst—and notably in the Metropolis—a group of pest-houses which are a danger to the well-being of our youth and a cruel menace to our young womanhood, yes, and even to childhood.

IMMORAL HARPIES.

We intend to be explicit. We do not propose to indulge in vague innuendo, or to adopt the "I could an I would" style. The recent appearance of the notorious woman, Queenie Gerald, in a civil suit (suppressed in every paper in London with the exception of the *National News*, and, later, the *Daily Mail*) has served to focus attention upon a type of degraded creature who, not content with plying this "trade" herself, is never happier than when enmeshing others in the net of her iniquities, and devising new and hideous forms of degeneracy. The baleful influence of these immoral harpies is incalculable, and we count it a shame and a disgrace that the Home Office, which, after all, is the real source of power of the Metropolitan police, does not show the smallest activity in routing out the bestial occupants of these lust-houses of London. Before the war a good deal of public indignation was revealed over what was called the Queenie Gerald case. This woman carried on the grossest practices in a flat at Piccadilly Circus. She was charged with the grave offence of procuring, but was convicted on the minor charge of keeping a "disorderly house." There were certain circumstances which pointed to protection being accorded the woman; questions were asked in Parliament and the then Home Secretary, Mr. McKenna, was pleased to wax indignant over the innuendo that persons of position were involved.

THE STRICTEST INVESTIGATION.

But will it be believed that Queenie Gerald—who to-day masquerades as the Hon. Mrs. Gayner—was no sooner released from gaol than, after a brief interval, she reopened her infamous flat in the West End, and that under the very eyes of the police she was able to give those bestial "entertainments" which have made her name infamous? We do not pillory this woman for the sake of persecuting her. She is no worse and no better than the other infamous harpies who make a fat living by pandering to the foulest and most perverted of sexual instincts. What we do say is that Queenie Gerald's case calls for the strictest investigation, because we have good reason to know that behind it will be found a vicious laxity wholly subversive of ordinary decency and morals. What is it that offers this woman and others of her class immunity? Why is it that from time to time some miserable creature in a back street is made amenable to the law for keeping a "disorderly house" when Queenie Gerald and others of her kind flaunt their hideous vices in the heart of the West End?

Is it to be supposed for a moment that what has gone on in the residential part of No. 9, Maddox Street, is not known to the police? Will the Home Secretary get up in the House of Commons and state, after inquiring of his officials, that nothing is known of the type of museum of sexual horrors of which the upper portion of No. 9—the lower part is tenanted by a respectable tradesman—is a disgraceful and poisonous example? Will it be said that during the war the military, charged with the overlooking of the officers, many little more than boys, who came home on leave flush with money, never made any complaints of Queenie Gerald, of No. 9, Maddox Street, and of other resorts of infamy? And if such complaints were made, if all the information necessary for official action was forthcoming, why has Queenie Gerald borne "a charmed life" in the midst of these sexual orgies? We believe one official view to be that these houses of lust are so widespread that to begin to attack them would mean undertaking a campaign of vast proportions. That may be true—in the light of our knowledge we are not prepared to deny the extent of the evil. But that is no excuse. The evil is great to-day—its hideous growth has become rank in the fetid soil of immunity, and unless something is done, and that soon, and with a ruthless weapon, the evil will continue to flourish.

UNDER THE NURSE'S CLOAK.

And linked up with this scandal of the lust-houses—not the common "disorderly house," which, compared with them might, with irony, almost be said to possess something of the human virtues—there is the scandal of the massage establishments, and the offence of allowing enemy aliens to come among us again, to reopen their pest-houses and to pollute the youth and childhood of our country.

It will be recalled that some years ago there was an outcry against the immorality of massage establishments. Women blazoned forth their names with the aid of sandwichmen pacing the streets, inviting the ill and the unsuspecting to seek the aid and comfort of massage. Not one in twenty of these establishments was genuinely devoted to the curative efforts of the skilled masseuse. Under the honourable cloak of the nurse was hidden the soul of the strumpet—and, what was worse, young girls, innocently anxious to become masseuses, were inveigled into these iniquitous dens, with consequences too terrible to describe.

To stop the scandal, to abate these abominations, the London County Council used its powers, and decreed that no massage establishment was henceforth to be permitted to exist without a municipal licence. Whether it be from laxity in granting these licences, or from a wholly inefficient system of inspection and control, the fact remains—and we possess evidence which we shall, if challenged, publish in subsequent articles—that there is no guarantee to-day that an establishment licensed for the practice of massage is wholly, or in some cases even in the smallest way, used for the legitimate purposes of massage. It is nothing to the point for the London County Council to plead the difficulties of detecting wrong-doing. The evil is there, and it must be stopped even if it involves the shutting up of every massage establishment in London which is not under the direct control of a reputable doctor. That licence is not only no protection for unsuspecting men and honest nurses, it is worse—it means that it offers a guarantee which is used as a mask for sickening iniquities, and that under the ægis of the London County Council another form of lust-house is polluting the manhood and the womanhood of the country.

THE "UNDESIRABLE ALIEN."

But whatever other arguments or excuses may be used by the Home Office, we can imagine none that official ingenuity can devise where the alien is concerned. In spite of the disgraceful whittling down of the Aliens Bill by the House of Lords, against which a handful of members struggled ineffectually in the House of Commons, the power to deal with the "undesirable alien" remains. He is a cruel and a callous pest who is responsible for much of the sordid immorality of the West End. Without respect for age or sex he is plying his "trade" once more in our midst, and in certain neighbourhoods of London is almost alone responsible for vice in its worst forms. The tenderness for the "alien" is one of the scandals of our time. We were promised by no less important a person than the Lord Chancellor, when it was a matter of catching votes at the last General Election, that he should be hounded out from among us—a promise which the Prime Minister was not slow to endorse. But to-day he is back again, and we say from knowledge that he is the chief culprit in a good deal of that pandering to perverted sexuality which is the despair of every decent-minded citizen.

PANDERING TO SEX PERVERSION.

We repeat—that it is not our intention to exploit these hideous matters for any mere journalistic "coup," and less with any desire to pander to the prurient. But we regard it as a public duty to expose and denounce forms of degenerate vice which are a real danger to the State and a serious menace to our manhood. In pursuit of this purpose we shall not flinch at publishing the names and addresses of those who, under the very nose of the law and the police, are carrying on these debasing houses of lust in London. We warn the authorities—we give them due notice that we have information in our possession which when published will rouse the indignation of every decent-minded citizen. If necessary, we shall feel it our duty not only to give names and addresses, but to describe, with only such details as may be needed to prove our case, the kind of houses which are "flourishing" in the West End: with their fantastic decorations, their exotic lilies, their seductive lights and their peculiar "furniture"—all artfully designed to pander to sex perversion. We shall spare no one—we shall, we repeat, give names when necessary, and let those accused, if they dare, invoke the law in their defence. Public exposure could not better be secured. Something must be done in the attempt to cut out this festering cancer. We at least intend to make the attempt.

[A second article will appear next week.]

WHAT MR. BOTTOMLEY SAID.

Winged Words from the Editor.

What Mr. Bottomley says goes. He has the knack of saying things straight and to the point. He never seeks to mystify his readers with a cloud of meaningless words. Some public men are like cuttle-fish. They retreat from their former positions behind a cloud of ink. Not so the Editor of JOHN BULL. You always know where he is. He is definite and precise. And what he says he sticks to.

The Sense that isn't Common.

Mr. Bottomley has other gifts besides the gift of directness. He has the supreme gift of common-sense—which is not so common as it might be. That's another reason why what he says is attended to. His words strike home. They are not empty rhetoric. They are sensible. They get down to basic fact. When you read them you say: "By Jove! that's true." That's why Mr. Bottomley is one of the most popular platform speakers of the day. That's why his articles are read by millions. That's why his circle of readers widens every day.

Seeing Forward and Saying First.

There is a third characteristic of Mr. Bottomley's utterances—besides those of directness and common-sense—which must be mentioned. Mr. Bottomley has the gift of "saying things first." He sees forward. He reads the signs of the times to come. With his wonderful knowledge of men and things, he sees how events are tending. Whilst others are blundering around looking for the pathway he sees the road ahead. Fearless always, he leads the way, and others follow. What he says to-day the others will say to-morrow. What he said last year, others are saying now.

Away with Muddling and Meandering.

Some time ago, Mr. Bottomley saw that one of the greatest needs of the day was clear, businesslike thinking. There has always been too much muddled thinking in this country. People in the past have been content merely to muddle through—and to meander along. But a new age has come—a hard, stern age, in many ways, but an age, too, of great opportunities. And if we are to make full use of these opportunities, we must be efficient, and in order to be efficient we must train our minds as a boxer trains his muscles. We must train the muscles of our minds. We must be alert and resourceful. We must have initiative. We must develop the power of concentration. We must make our minds the efficient instruments of our wills. In a sentence: "In order to rise we must Pelmanise; we must train our minds to win."

Two Magic Words.

And so Mr. Bottomley gave the signal which hundreds of thousands have followed. "Pelmanise it," he said. These were his very words: "Pelmanise it." And think of the people who are Pelmanising now! Business men and women—Professional men and women—industrial workers—a vast army of ambitious people—over 500,000 of them, in fact. Hundreds of Directors, Managers; men holding important positions in Business and Industry—all Pelmanising their minds. And apart from the "chiefs" there are the tens of thousands of clerks, book-keepers, travellers, assistants, artizans—men and women of every type and class who want to be "chiefs," and who are taking the Pelman road to the top. And they are getting there. Their written words prove this. "I have doubled my income"; "I have been promoted twice in six months"; "I now hold a position which I never dreamed I could obtain." This is what they write in letters addressed to the Pelman Institute—and all through Pelmanism!

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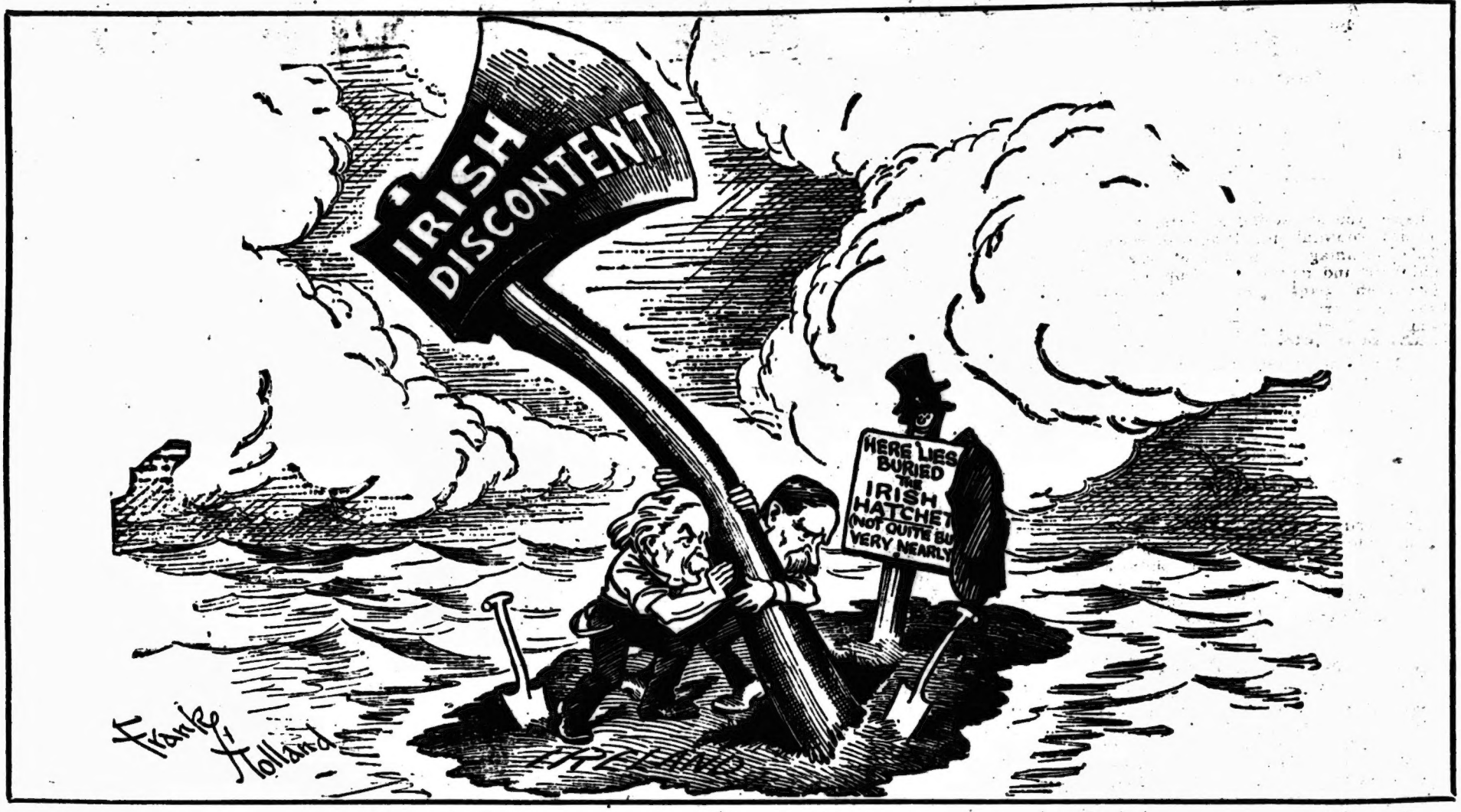

Lloyd George: "The hole's not big enough, Bonar; we'll have to enlarge it."
Bonar Law: "And to make it big enough, David, I'm afraid we'll have to enlarge the island."

THE WAY THEY HAVE IN THE ARMY.

STUPID AND WASTEFUL METHODS OF BUREAUCRACY.

Strictures upon War Office red-tape pronounced by Lord Sands in the Scottish Court of Session will be a source of amusement to readers, albeit a matter of graver concern to the taxpayer who has to foot the bill. Nor can we flatter ourselves that these stupid and wasteful methods are foreign to peace conditions. "Apparently," says the learned Judge, "when a Chief Medical Officer, holding a local command, requires the service of an architect for any matter, be it only the introduction of a stove into a building, he is obliged to communicate his request to the D.D.M.S., who, if he approves, will transmit it to the Q.M.G., who will lay it before the B.G.A., who may instruct the S.O.R.E., who will communicate with the C.R.E., who will detail an Engineer Officer to advise the C.M.O."

This illuminating study of Departmental methods recalls the story of the window in a Government building in Dublin which, during the war, required a new pane of glass. In the space of two months the broken pane was inspected by various parties of Royal Engineers, ranging from a corporal and six men to a brigadier and three captains, after which it was intimated that the R.E.s could not undertake the work of repair except upon a special requisition from the Officer in Charge of Lands. There followed a further series of inspections by all ranks of His Majesty's Forces, at the instance of the Officer in Charge of Lands, but at the end of a further three months the window was still unmended. Finally, it was repaired by a civilian glazier for eightpence. If the harassed taxpayer wants an extension of these methods to every branch of civil life, he can have it—under the name of "Nationalisation."

PAMPERING A "CONCHY."

"CUSHY" CIVILIAN BILLET FOR A WAR TIME SHIRKER.

Since the Battersea Borough Council includes amongst its members a notorious "Conchy" in the person of the Rev. A. G. Prichard, it is not, perhaps, to be expected that the Council as a body should be unduly severe on those who shirked their duty in the war, skulking at home while others faced the foe. Consequently, when 171 residents of the Latchmere Estate, Battersea, sent in a "round robin" to the Council, protesting against the appointment of Mr. P. Marks, a Conscientious Objector, as Agent and Rent-collector for the Corporation, there was very little doubt as to what would happen. Bless you, the Battersea Council are quite in love with Mr. Marks.

True, he wouldn't fight the bestial Germans, and allowed himself to be put into prison rather than don the King's uniform like a man and a patriot; but that is not to say he is unfit to collect rents on the Latchmere Estate—a nice peaceful sort of place, where he couldn't get hurt if he wanted to. In short, the Battersea Council, under the "conscientious" guidance of the Rev. Mr. Prichard, have determined to stand by Mr. Marks, and a deputation of tenants who recently waited upon the Council to urge the claims of the ex-soldiers to such "cushy" jobs has been informed that the Corporation "sees no good reason" to alter the arrangement. If men who fought in the front-line trenches do not like having their rents collected by a white-livered "Conchy," they must make the best of it, and thank God they are not expected to black his boots or assist him with his toilet. It seems that the lukewarm patriotism of Mr. John Burns has left its mark on Battersea, and it was high time for fuller-blooded residents to protest.

THE NATION'S GRATITUDE.

GALLANT SEAMAN'S WIDOW ROBBED OF PENSION RIGHTS.

When it's a case of flowery speeches on public platforms or "sweet nothings" in the newspapers, we are full of gratitude to the heroes of the Mercantile Marine. But see what happens in practice. Not long ago it was announced that the pensions awarded to widows of merchant seamen killed in the war were to be increased 40 per cent. as from September, 1919, and thousands of brave women throughout the land lifted up their hearts in gratitude to a beneficent Government. Among them was a poor widow at Southend, whose husband, a ship's carpenter, was drowned shortly before the Armistice through the sinking of his vessel by the Huns. Left with three little ones to support, the bereaved wife was awarded a pension of £52 per annum, added to which the owners of the lost ship paid into Court the sum of £300 as an award under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

With a monthly grant doled out from this fund—thereby rapidly diminished—the poor soul managed to struggle along somehow, but great was her joy at learning of the proposal to augment her slender pension from the State. Imagine, therefore, her disappointment when, just as she was expecting the higher amount, she received only a notification from the Pension Board that the advance was to be postponed until the whole of the sum standing to her credit under the Workmen's Compensation Act was exhausted. First she must run through the £300, her only safeguard against a rainy day, and then the Government, out of respect to the memory of her gallant husband, will raise her pension to 28s. a week. Surely this giving with one hand and taking away with the other is unworthy of a "grateful" nation.

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A Word to the Sick and Ailing.

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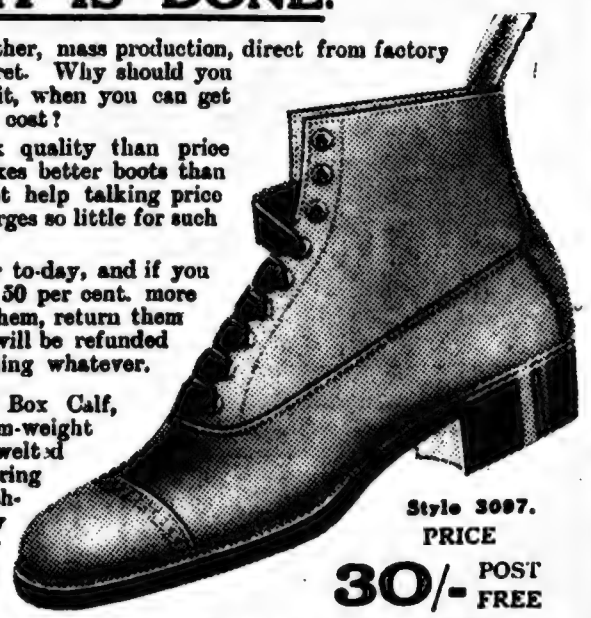

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Penalised Patriots.

During the past winter I have sat without a fire, shaved in cold water, dined in the kitchen, etc., in order to ease the coal situation and enable coal to be exported. Thousands of others have cheerfully done the same or more. Now we find that the profit on this export coal is to be given to the miners. Is this government of the people, by the people, for the people? Or is it government of the "mugs" by the miners, for the miners?—FRANK W. DODD, Park Hill Road, Harborne, Birmingham.

"Rate of Exchange" Excuse.

"Owing to the increasing cost of raw materials, and the low rate of exchange, we regret to inform you that on and from such and such a date our prices will be advanced." This is the usual formula sent out by merchants during the past three months. *Nothing is said about where the exchange is greatly in our favour.* Now that the £ sterling is recovering value in the U.S.A., it will be interesting to know how soon similar circulars will be issued beginning thus: "Owing to the improving rate of exchange, we are pleased to inform you that on and from —— we shall *reduce* our prices to the public."—W. FIELDEN, Chadwick Road, Peckham.

These Little Ones.

Children—hardly knowing the difference between right and wrong—when charged with offences towards their elders, are sentenced by a short-sighted "Bench" to undergo terms of confinement in "Industrial Schools" and "Borstal Institutions." But what of the elders' offences towards children? Why not create "Degenerate Institutions," and confine therein, for an indefinite period, those brutes the accounts of whose violation of the innocence of childhood daily appear in the Press? This menace to Britain's children will never be ended by the mere infliction of paltry fines!—W. H. COX, Barker Gate, Nottingham.

"Re-member" the Maimed.

Many of the boys who fought and lost their limbs are returning to crutches, as they cannot bear the weight of the artificial limbs provided by Government—I know of one which weighs 8 to 9 lb. The price of a light artificial leg to-day is about £80; those provided by the State cost £20 only. Surely Tommy and Jack have the right to expect the very best. No one would object to any price paid if the limbs were comfortable, when so much is wasted on unworthy things! The least a grateful country can do is to "re-member" these men properly.—(MRS.) H. GIBBS, Sunnyside Road, Worcester.

"Home Treatment."

When a Medical Board puts men on "home treatment" for an indefinite period, at the re-examination it is generally found that the treatment has not been successful—chiefly, because the men cannot get the necessary food and attention, especially when married and with young families and thus handicapped by the present cost of living. If those who were ordered "home treatment" were sent direct to an institution much inconvenience and trouble could be avoided, the men would be more quickly restored to health, and a greater saving to the State would be effected.—GEO. S. MCLAGGAN, Union St. Lane, Bridgend, Perth.

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. O. G. Devers.

Home-Grown Fruit.

During my service in Germany I was much struck by the enormous quantity of fruit grown by the roadside. The trees—apple, pear, etc.—are planted at regular intervals on each side and extend for miles into the country. Considering the enormous prices of fruit in England, I think the excellent idea should be adopted here.—G. F. BUTCHER, Victoria Road, Oulton Broad.

Memorial to Lord Kitchener?

When is Britain going to erect a national memorial in remembrance of Earl Kitchener? In almost every parish in the Empire there are memorials to our fallen heroes, but to that strong, silent leader, to whose stupendous courage we owe an inestimable debt, there is nothing. Soon it will be four years since he laid down his life for his country. Surely we cannot allow his memory to grow dim.—(MRS.) H. CROFT, Luthrie, Fifeshire.

Improved Coal Delivery.

The present system of delivering large quantities of coal creates unnecessary mess. This could be avoided by using the same system as in Canada. A long tubular iron shute extends from the cart to the cellar-hole in the pavement. The carman just tips his sack in the mouth of the shute, the coal passing down into the cellar, and thus prevents coal-dust flying all over the place, as is the case when the sacks are taken off the cart and dumped down on the pavement.—O. G. DEVERS, Midhurst Road, West Ealing.

Derelict Motor-Lorries.

The hundreds of derelict motor-lorries, Red Cross, and ordinary motor-cars, which are being taken daily from Stonar to Slough by road, appear to be a big expense to the country. As I understand the conveyance from point to point of each car costs £15, against £5 by rail. Is it shortage of railway trucks which is the cause of all this heavy traffic—which is ruining the country main roads and is a terrible eyesore to occupiers of houses along the route?—(MISS) K. F. GARRAWAY, Chartham, Canterbury.

Trade Union Tyranny.

We have a case in Devon of an ex-soldier, a married man with six children, who before the war was a bricklayer's labourer, and is now working for his old masters, by whom he has been promoted to handle the trowel. Now the Operative Bricklayers' Society object. They say that "no skilled work shall be done by labourers," and that "he is too old to be bound an apprentice." If this rule is to be rigidly enforced, without regard to exceptional circumstances, it means that every man who before the war was a labourer shall never rise above that position in life—which is Tyranny.—J. H. SCATTERGOOD, Lake Road, Portsmouth.

Home Lessons.

Although children may at times execute home lessons with profit, they should never be made compulsory after a day at school, thus breaking into the recreation which is vital to the youngsters' welfare. With the advent of long evenings it should especially be borne in mind how necessary it is for the children to be out in the open air, whenever possible—one of the surest ways to our becoming an A1 nation.—W. H. ELLIFF, Balmoral Road, Westcliff-on-Sea.

"Playing at Shop."

There must be many thousands who, like myself, signed the necessary official form for a supply of sugar for preserving purposes. On the last day for the signing of this form the price of sugar was 8d. per lb. Now it is 10d., and we are informed that the preserving sugar will cost 1s. 2d. Why were we not informed at the time of making application that an inflated charge would be made? This is just another instance of the Government playing at "keeping shop," and making a mess of it.—W. G. CLAYTON, Seaford Road, Pendleton, Manchester.

Transport Delays.

The practice of Railway Companies delaying the conveyancing of goods until they collect a stipulated weight for the same destination causes enormous loss and inconvenience. Also at various stations goods in transit are unloaded, and only reloaded when the fixed weight can be made up—multiplying the time and labour of their employees besides creating more disappointment in delivery to their consignees. The system seems very discreditable to those "experts" to whom big money is given!—W. MACDOUGALL, Newton Terrace, Catrine, Ayrshire.

"Save the Children."

Within the last few days we have had a house-to-house collection for funds to save the children o Europe. And yet in our own land little children are dying in hundreds. At the Isle of Skye they are suffering badly for the want of food and unable to attend school. The present Government promised a Pure Milk Bill—but they dilly and dally over football betting or whether the country should go dry, while precious lives are sacrificed. Mr. Palmer is right. There is "a storm brewing amongst the mothers"! Milk cheaper and graded is the first thing needful.—(MRS.) GITANA CLEMENTS, Gordon Street, Leamington.

Lost Certificates.

During the period of the War many persons were requested to forward marriage and birth certificates to various offices for the purpose of verification, etc. In some instances these were sent without any covering letter, and therefore were withheld pending application. In other cases they were probably mislaid in the Department concerned. Many of the offices are now being closed, and, as the replacing of the certificates would be costly and troublesome, persons who have not had their certificates back should apply to the office to which they were forwarded, furnishing full particulars to facilitate search and return.—RICHARD J. RICHARDSON, Dunnington, York.

"JOHN BULL'S" WEEKLY CINEMA.

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An Officer and a Woman—Persecuted and Dec

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PUTTING politics aside for the moment, I propose this week to reveal another of those military scandals of which, unhappily, there have been so many during the past few years. It concerns the persecution—cruel, cynical, persistent persecution—of a young officer, and, of course, somewhere in the background, there is a woman in the case. On that aspect of the matter I shall probably have more to say on another occasion; for the moment, I am concerned with the story of how one more gallant soldier has been "broken on the wheel" as the result of what I do not hesitate to describe as a vile and calculated conspiracy on the part of some of his brother officers, to whose insults he would not knuckle under. The trouble appears to have commenced, as I have already hinted, through a lady—as a matter of fact, she was the wife of a brother officer, although it is only right to say that no suggestion of impropriety has ever been made against either her or the soldier in question—Lieutenant C. H. Clendining, 1st Garrison Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, a lad of 19 at the time of the incidents I am about to relate, and which are corroborated by a mass of evidence leaving no doubt in my mind that there has been a gross betrayal of duty on the part of men holding the King's Commission, and revealing a condition of affairs demanding a searching public Inquiry.

The Case Outlined.

Now let me outline the case against those whom I shall pillory—for, unlike the scandal of our "Shot at Dawn" disclosures, I am now dealing with individuals and not with a system. Clendining at the time was in India, and my indictment is against the Army Medical Authorities out there—although, I regret to say, it extends in some degree to the Commander-in-Chief himself. The story begins in 1917, at the time when young Clendining was suffering from a slight illness—which was noticed at a Badminton party in Cawnpore—upon the strength of which the Medical Officer of the Battalion, Major Spiller, ordered him to be placed in hospital, under observation for insanity. So desperate did this medical expert consider the case, that he gave directions that Clendining was not to be allowed to use either knife or fork at his meals, and had him placed under a special escort. Nevertheless, this alleged madman was left in possession of his sporting gun and revolver, and was allowed to use his own razor for shaving! A rather remarkable state of things, wasn't it? The truth is, as I shall show clearly before I have finished, that, once having got Clendining in their power, his enemies stopped at nothing—first inflicting gross indignities upon him, and then taking every step to prevent him carrying his grievance to the proper quarter. There is ample evidence from those who saw Clendining in hospital, and who had known him since the formation of the battalion at Dundalk at the end of 1915, that he was in a thoroughly normal condition. He was, however, detained under duress in hospital. Then came the next step; he was charged with having ladies in his ward until after midnight, and further with having unduly reprimanded an Orderly. As to the first charge, that was speedily proved to be false, the hospital records showing that the unhappy youth was in bed and asleep by 9.30. But a drunken Orderly did come into the room and he was duly reprimanded. Of such half truths and whole lies was the case for persecution made up, from beginning to the dramatic climax. It was in these circumstances that Clendining received a visit from his Commanding Officer, Colonel A. H. Woods—to whom he protested against being treated as insane, but apparently without success. Then a brother officer also appealed to the Colonel to order Clendining's release, but again nothing was done. Driven well-nigh to despair, however, the young Lieutenant had the good sense to lay his case before the Church of England Chaplain, and the one bright spot in the whole sordid story is the splendid service rendered by this "padre" to the persecuted youth.

Persistent Charges of Insanity.

But Clendining had to pay the penalty for this loyal help. For when his Company Commander and the Chaplain took up the case, and he was sent to Lucknow to a mental specialist (Lt.-Col. Woolley—8th Lucknow Division), further allegations—all of which have been or can be proved to be false—were formulated and forwarded to the doctor. One of the gravest parts of this grave story is the persistency of these charges of insanity, in spite of all that highly qualified men might say or do. From Lucknow the Lieutenant was returned to duty with his regiment—on the report of Col. Woolley that he showed no signs of mental disability. By this time the feeling in favour of the youth was running strong—and the more the attempt was made to hush up his case the more those who understood the grossness of the conspiracy stood by his side. His own Commanding Officer refused to move in the matter, and I have before me as I write the correspondence between the Lieutenant and him—conducted under the advice of the General Officer Commanding the station, Brigadier-General Glanville, D.S.O., a gallant fellow who was determined to be no party to the miserable game, and who ultimately took the case out of the Colonel's hands, as authorised by Section 42 of the Army Act. For five months Clendining was sent on detachment duty at Ranikhet, with a Division not concerned with the case. His enemies were now in a funk; their one desire was to prevent the scandal going forward. There was a period of happy respite, during which he was passed for active service by two doctors, and for a time left in command of the detachment; indeed, he returned to his regiment—and to his persecutors—in command of troops from a distance of 1,000 miles. But immediately on arrival at Cawnpore he was arrested on the station platform by the order of Major-General Anderson, 8th Lucknow Division. From what I can understand, the authorities actually cited the Lieutenant's correspondence with the Commanding Officer as a proof that he was suffering from delusions and the reason for his summary arrest as an insane person! They did not know, and they know it now for the first time, that if there was anything insane in that correspondence General Glanville and Clendining's legal advisers, who conducted it, were the lunatics.

Still Further Persecution.

And so the miserable business went on. The Lieutenant was once more in Cawnpore—in Ranikhet he was under the protection of General Glanville—and his persecutors could persecute to their hearts' content. He was again a "mental patient," although he was left in possession in the hospital ward of his sporting gun, a revolver, a sword, dagger, and a hundred rounds of ammunition! He even went out shooting in the jungle by himself. No, the officers who were "up against" young Clendining were not artists at their game. The sole desire now was to prevent him carrying his case to the Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief. He was declared insane for that sole reason—that is the only possible conclusion to draw. But all attempts at intimidation having failed, the next step was to order Clendining to hospital at Allahabad. But the Chaplain at Cawnpore was on the alert; and the Chaplain at Allahabad was at once apprised. How well he did his duty will be seen later. Arrived at the Station Hospital, the Lieutenant was at once placed under control, and was never allowed to move without escort. Yet this insane officer still had his revolver and ammunition in his suit case, and still shaved himself daily with an ordinary razor! There would be something grotesque and laughable in all this, if behind it was not the grim fact that the great military organisation in India was being used to bend or to break a young fellow honourably wearing the British uniform—and bearing unsullied the King's Commission. Now let us see what happened next. The Chaplain at Allahabad, thanks to the action of his reverend brother at Cawnpore, was in the hospital within a few hours—and paid daily visits. His keen interest in this astounding case was speedily aroused, and he approached Brigadier-General Cadell, commanding the Allahabad Brigade. But what use to intervene? The General hadn't the smallest doubt that the poor young fellow was quite mad! Then why—came the retort—allow a madman to have a revolver and ammunition in his ward? Blank astonishment of the Brigadier-General. That night the revolver and cartridges were removed—but they left the razor! Here I quote from two letters, one written by D. A. W. Canney, Chaplain of Cawnpore, who was the first to succour Clendining in his distress, and the other from Douglas Dunlop, M.A., Garrison Chaplain, Allahabad. Both are addressed to Clendining:

> As you ask me as your Chaplain to put in writing what I have observed in my constant visiting and interviews with you, since you were first admitted to the Station Hospital and placed under observa-

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tion, I concur with your wish, not only because you ask me, but recalling my experiences as a London clergyman in a very large parish of over eighteen thousand people, my services were several times requisitioned by the Medical Experts at the London Asylums to assist them in coming to a right conclusion of the normal or abnormal state of some of my parishioners; and in my capacity as a Senior Chaplain with 23 years' residence in India, I feel it as incumbent upon me in the interests of *all* concerned to offer my opinion for what it may be worth.

Having held long and frequent conversations with you, and by reason of your detention in hospital, I have seen more of you perhaps than any other officer of your regiment. I must say I have been struck by the clear and lucid way you have *always* and *at all times* expressed yourself. I feel, therefore, that it is as much my duty, in the interests of the medical profession as it is to respond to your request to testify to the fact that you have always appeared to me in your normal condition, and that in the face of trying conditions. I have come to this conclusion after some months of observation and in careful thought over your case.

The letter from Mr. Dunlop was written from St. Dane's Parsonage, Allahabad, more than a month later, and not long before the most astounding of all the events in this case was reached. At that time the Chaplain had threatened to forward a petition to the Viceroy to get the Lieutenant taken out of the hands of the Military. When this became known, Clendining was summoned to a hastily convened Medical Board and it was decided to send him home—as the letter mentions:—

I am glad to state in writing what my opinion of your condition is, as it may be of use to you. During the time you have been in Allahabad I have had very many long conversations with you and never have I noticed the least failing in mental powers at all. I could never have had any idea that there was any thought of your mental powers being in question, had I not been told. And being told that you were under observation, I was, I presume, more or less on the watch. I made enquiries from those in authority and am assured by them that you are not being sent home as insane at all, but simply because long residence in India would be bad for you. If I thought that you were being classed as insane I would have stopped at nothing in order to prevent this—would have done my utmost to have caused a full inquiry into your case here in India. As it stands, I think you have been treated in a very strange manner by the Medical Authorities, and I would be glad if your case was the subject of inquiry at home, as it would, I believe, not only benefit you, but also it might make the position of those whose mental state calls for inquiry more secure and less in danger of suffering injustice than at present seems to be the case in India.

I call particular attention to the "trying conditions," mentioned by the Cawnpore Chaplain, and especially to that significant phrase in the last letter about making the position of those whose mental state calls for inquiry "more secure and less in danger of suffering injustice," than is at present the case in India. What does that mean? But note the sequel. In spite of that assurance solemnly given to the Chaplain, acting on behalf of the Bishop, Clendining was sent to Bombay; again arrested; actually placed in "a cage," a wired and insanitary bungalow, with a German spy, under an armed guard. He was kept unshaved for days, and had to eat his food with his hands. But he still had a loaded revolver! On the hospital ship *Takada* (to which he was conducted under escort after being kept for some hours with many serious mental cases), he was handed over to Major Dunn, H.M.S. Senior Medical Officer, as a "dangerous lunatic." But here there was no collusion—no conspiracy to conceal the abominable facts of persecution and illegal arrest—and so soon as this officer heard the story and saw the papers, the guard was withdrawn, and Clendining was given the run of the ship. I am going to quote one further document to complete, for the moment only, this infamous story. It is the annual Confidential Report on the Lieutenant. It shows how those who bear the greatest measure of responsibility for the gross treatment of this young officer were prepared to "stick to their guns" to the end.

LIEUTENANT C. H. CLENDINING, 1ST GARRISON BATTALION ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.

Is he fit for present Employment?—No.

Is he so below the average as to call for special notice?—Yes.

If so, specify his particular demerits.—He suffered from Delusions and in consequence has been sent to the United Kingdom.

Do you consider that he is likely to be fit for promotion in the ordinary course?—No.

Do you recommend that his promotion be delayed?—Yes.

A. H. WOODS, Colonel.

A. CADELL, Brigadier-General, Com. Allahabad Brigade.

EDWARD S. MAY, Major-General, Commanding 8th Lucknow Division.

As I have said, it had been the intention, through the Bishop, to forward a petition to the Viceroy to prevent Clendining leaving India pending inquiry into the case—if he was being sent home as a "mental patient." It was only on the necessary assurance being given that he was leaving for England "because the climate did not suit his health" that no further action was taken. If I did not know something of the way a certain type of Army Officers stick together, I should be at a loss to understand the motive behind all this cruelty and persecution. The incidents which I now relate for the first time occurred in 1917, just after the disgraceful scandal of mess and muddle in Mesopotamia, which brought the gravest discredit upon the higher Army Officials in India. And when this young officer showed his determination to submit to the test of inquiry the first insults heaped upon him, there was nothing for it but to break him. Such is the system. And such is the system that the three officers who signed that damning Confidential Report are the very men who would be anxious to get him out of the Army—Woods, who used every means to prevent the case being made public, and who refused to forward to the Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief the request for an interview for advice; Cadell, who gave an assurance to the Chaplain at Allahabad as to the circumstances of the Lieutenant's return to England, which was falsified; and May, whose approval must have been obtained before Clendining was arrested by Major-General Anderson's orders. In spite of the overwhelming medical testimony to Clendining's sanity, and, indeed, normality, his persecutors continued to treat him—and maltreat him—as insane, subjected him to the indignity of arrest, made him eat his food with his hands, caged him with a German spy, and actually sent him home in circumstances which would certainly involve the cruel restraint necessary in the case of a dangerous lunatic. Could malign determination go further? Yet the opinion of seven independent medical officers that Clendining showed no signs of mental instability was confirmed by a well-known London specialist, when he was transferred to the 4th London General Hospital, and placed under the observation of Captain Collier, who recommended him for duty with his battalion in Ireland. A few days later he appeared before a Medical Board, which, acting on the Specialist's report, sent the "dangerous lunatic" to join his battalion in Belfast! But to this day he has not obtained justice.

Demand for a Public Inquiry.

Now I say it is time the whole of the Army System in India was overhauled. I know our officers, from the very circumstances of their surroundings there, are, in a large measure, a caste apart. But the Prussian methods which have grown up must be suppressed, and the Secretary of War will be doing a real service to the Army we all admire by frankly admitting an overwhelming *prima facie* case for Lieutenant Clendining, and consenting to a public Inquiry by a small Committee of members of the House of Commons. It would be useless to appoint a Departmental Committee. What I want is not the hushing-up of scandals of this kind, but a frank and full exposure, so that the Army—and particularly the Army of India—may be freed from the suspicion which too often attaches to disciplinary action and also from the taint that surrounds too many so-called "mental cases." If the Secretary for War wants further facts, and additional cases of persecution, through the hospitals, I can supply them. But the first business is to arouse public feeling, so that the military authorities will be forced to act in the interests of justice and for the protection of young British officers.

IN THE BARBER'S CHAIR.

Miss DARBEY.

Good mornin', miss. . . . *'Are I a ladies' saloon?* Well, I *'as* a room wot I reserves for ladies w'en convenient. . . . Well, altho' my missus is one o' the best, takin' 'er all round, she's a little bit touchy at times—she 'as sorter jealous fits. At sich times I forgoes the pleasure of dressin' the 'air o' the fair sex—fur peace sake. But she 'appens to be away for a few days, so if you want any crimpin' or curlin' done I shell be on'y too 'appy. . . . Then step this way, please.

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You've got beautiful 'air, miss. But there, so many ladies 'as. If the principles o' some o' them was as fine as the 'air on their 'eads, there'd be some lovely characters about. But chew orfen find thet beauty ain't on'y skin deep, don'cher? Look at thet pritty young gal Leonora Darbey, wot the papers was full of larst week! Nice face, lovely 'air, clever with the fiddle, an' all thet—but a calculatin' young minx, *I* calls 'er, all the same. . . . Eh? *'Aren't I got any sympathy for the romantic love of a couple o' young people?* I 'ope so. I 'ope I ain't a bloomin' Hunks, if you'll excuse me for puttin' it thet way, miss. Love's young dream's all right. I've bin young meself. But w'en it comes to mixin' up wot's s'posed to be a romantic affection with downright cruelty to parents and a cunnin' eye for advertisement, then I draws the line an' begins to awsk questions. 'Ere's one o' them: w'y did she try to kid 'er parents thet she was goin' to commit suicide, an' at the same time take 'er best clo'es an' 'er fawther's sootcase with 'er? I *awsk* yer. . . . Wot, *W'y awsk you?* W'y, becos you *are* Miss Lenora Darbey, else I'm a jackass! So awnser me thet. Sensible people don't take their best clo'es an' a sootcase away with 'em w'en they intend to do 'emselves in, do they? . . . *You shouldn't think so?* O' course you wouldn't! Wot you did it for was to cause a sensation—the beginning of a very smart advertisin' stunt. You disappears with a young foreigner. Thet's all right. Young galls *will* do thet sometimes in the Spring. But I don't supposo there was no need for you to do it thet way. I guess a marriage could 'ave bin arranged all right. But a plain, ordinary marriage wouldn't 'ave got your portrait in all the papers, would it? Ha, ha! It wouldn't 'ave started a reward of two 'undred quid for noos o' your w'ereabouts, would it? It wouldn't 'ave made pretty near everybody in Europe, Irup, Ashup and Yankeeland talk about you, look for you, an' worry over you. *It wouldn't 'ave brought you offers of twenty-five, fifty, an' seventy-five quid a week from theatrical managers.*

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Ah, you may well blush, miss. I've sometimes 'eard of actresses stealin' their own paste dimonds for the sake of advertisin' theirselves, but I've never 'eard of a young lady fiddler 'intin' at suicide an' runnin' away with a young foreigner jest for the sake of gittin' payin' offers to appear on the stage or act on the films. It's a new stunt, and it seems to 'ave come orf. But I don't think it'll do you much good in the end, young lady. Fair play's a jool—but it ain't fair play to kid the noospapers an' the pleece for the sake o' makin' a name before you earned it by your own talent. . . . Now, don't cry, missie. You've got pritty 'air, and I've enjoyed doin' of it for you—but you mustn't think you kin come the ole soljer across *me*. . . . No, I shan't take no payment. You can send me 'arf-a-doller onter your first week's salary o' seventy-five Brads.

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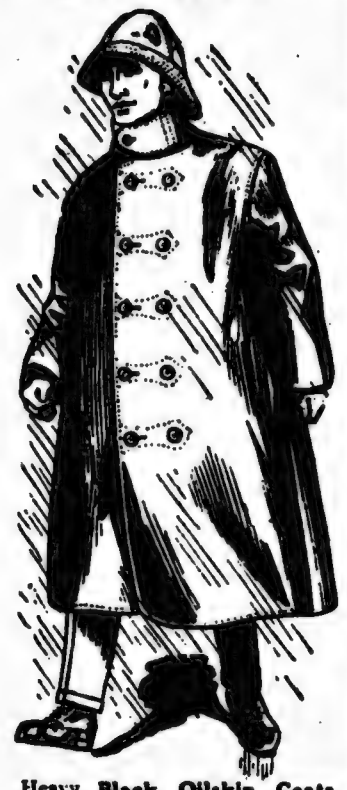

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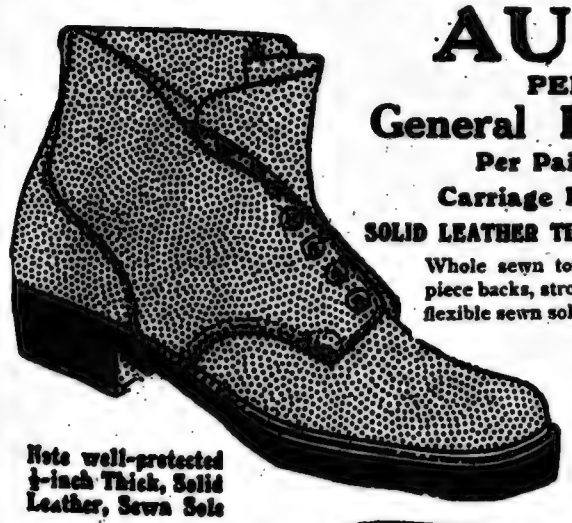

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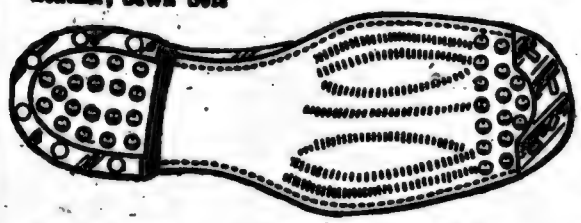

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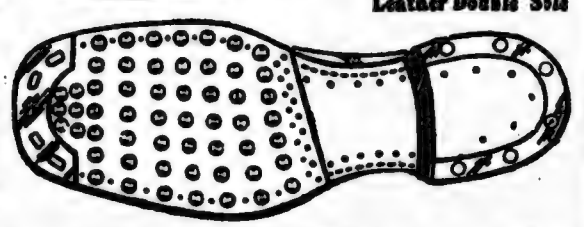

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One or two rich American sportsmen have formed a syndicate to start a racing establishment in England. They have acquired an up-to-date stable at Everleigh, in Wiltshire, and have the best English racing brains to back it up. The gentleman who is about to place this venture on a sound basis is a man who has not only bred, raced and engineered some of the biggest handicap coups, but for all-round knowledge of the sport stands out pre-eminent. By virtue of the amount of money he has taken out of the ring from time to time, his name is one to conjure with in racing circles. The new Everleigh stable may therefore, in a few years, become as famous as that of Druid's Lodge a decade or so ago.

When we state that the next race Ugly Duckling runs in will be the Kempton Park "Jubilee" Stakes, we do so with the intention of setting forth an interesting item of news. We do not, therefore, advise our readers to hurriedly step in and back the horse. Should they decide to take the risk, they will, of course, only have themselves to blame if the Durrington stable find they have again been forestalled in the market and decide to scratch the horse as they did in the Lincolnshire Handicap. The owner of Ugly Duckling has turned a deaf ear to offers that have been made for his horse. The Navan breeder and owner knows the worth of a horse as well as anyone, and we can pay him the compliment of saying that he is a man of surprising patience and great acumen.

Mr. Sol Joel has a better lot of horses than he has had for years. He is delighted with the way Lacrosse is progressing in his preparation for the Two Thousand Guineas. Mr. Joel may also win several races at Newmarket this week. Rapiere has a flattering appearance. Wimasu recorded quite a sparkling performance when giving weight away and smashing his rivals up in brilliant style in the Easter Plate at Kempton. Sir Edward Hulton's low-level colt may take the Craven Stakes this week as a stepping-stone to his more important classic engagement at the next meeting at "Headquarters."

Advices from Newmarket are to the effect that no horse could possibly be doing better than His Majesty's Viceroy, and that it will strip a picture of a well-trained horse for the City and Suburban. It is in favour of the son of The Tetrarch that he won over the Epsom course last year. It is all pleasing to know that several of the King's two-year-olds are displaying great promise. One or two of of the most forward in condition—John Green for one—will be seen out this week.

WHIPPETS.

Why is it that this popular sport of the Miners continues to be under suspicion on the score of "ramping"? Efforts to purify the sport by the institution of national control have met with poor response, and this in itself is a reflection on the integrity of those who indulge in whippet racing. We do not believe all the allegations of illegal practices we hear, but we are convinced that there are rogues in the game who ought to be relegated to oblivion.

WEEK'S RACING SELECTIONS.

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NEWMARKET—WEDNESDAY.

Column Produce Stakes—POLUMETIS.
Granby Plate—*JOHN GREEN.
Babraham Plate—FOOTPLATE.
Severals Stakes—PTAH.

NEWMARKET—THURSDAY.

Three Year Old Handicap—MOUNT ROYAL.
Two Year Old Plate—PORT ROYAL.
Flying Handicap—*KING SOL.
Craven Stakes—WIMASU.

DERBY—FRIDAY.

Sudbury Plate—*NIGHT BELL COLT.
Quarndon Plate—ARLINGTON.
Drakelow Plate—FOOL PROOF.

DERBY—SATURDAY.

Chaddesden Plate—LUCENTIO.
Derbyshire Plate—*SOBER WISDOM.
Chatsworth Stakes—THE DRUMMER.

LAWN TENNIS.

Players of ten nations are assembled for the Covered Courts Championships now in progress at the Queen's Club, which further demonstrates the world-wide popularity of a game that combines ideal physical and mental exercise. On all sides there are indications of a record season.

The "old man's" team that went to France to represent London against Paris, received a terrible drubbing. If we are to have "representative" matches of this kind, we ought to give our young blood a chance, much as we may lament our present poverty in rising talent.

Football Competition No. 28.

In the above Competition five of the matches played on March 27 were drawn, thus leaving nine winning teams to select from. The following 34 competitors succeeded in naming the whole nine, and therefore divide the prize of £350:—

Aughton, Mr., 23, Kensington Road, Southport; Barstow, J., 5a, Belle Vue Street, Scarborough; Beck, S., 4, Riverhill Cotts., Cobham, Surrey; Bolton, C. H., 23, Charlotte Street, Hightown, Manchester; Bugden, F., 25, Woodside Road, Tunbridge Wells; Clark, W., 5, Booth Place, Falkirk; Clarke, W., High Street, West Coker, Yeovil; Cook, J. T., 11, Sunderland Terrace, Barnsley; Diamond, H., 113, Russell Street, Middlesbrough-on-Tees; Fielder, R. W., 88, Pound Street, Shirley, Southampton; Foster, A., 26, Pont Street Mews, S.W.; Gadd, H. J., 69a, Adelaide Road, W.12; Hayward, M., 139, St. Peter's Street, Lowestoft; Jones, E., 48, Empress Road, Kensington, L'pool; Kennedy, Mrs., 21, Disley Avenue, West Didsbury, M/c; Kirkham, H., 26, Nelson Street, St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancs.; Power, John, 3, Dean Grove, Bargate, Grimsby; Roberts, T., 9, Grove Place, Ravenhead, St. Helen's, Lancs.; Rouse, A., 5, Queen Anne Bldgs., Canal Walk, Southampton; Russell, J., c.o. Hanning, 5, Spittal Street, Edinburgh; Savage, T., 155, Radcliffe Road, Golcar; Seel, T., 27, Myrtle Grove, Patricroft; Smith, Fredk., 22, Tate Street, Glodwick, Oldham; Smith, Harold, 87, Lightcliffe Road, Crossland Moor, Huddersfield; Spour, H. B., 7, Ellington Street, N.7; Steele, G. W., 63, Strathleven Road, S.W.2; Stone, F., 48-50, Waterloo Road, S.E.1; Tims, E., River View, East Looe, Cornwall; Whittall, W., 4, Llanwonno Road, Cwmaman; Wilkinson, M., 22, Fulwell Road, Montwarmouth, Sunderland; Williams, H., 20, Mill Street, Stafford; Williams, J., 21, Measburn Street, Low Hill, L'pool; Withecombe, D. C., 20, Phillips Parade, Swansea; Young, George, 15, Viewforth Street, Kirkcaldy.

This week £1,000 must be won for the correct or nearest correct forecast of the result and attendance at the Cup Final. NO READER CAN AFFORD TO MISS THIS WONDERFUL OFFER. FREE COUPON ON PAGE iii. OF COVER.

BOXING.

His recent successes over Harry Reeve and Journee would seem to have done the Bombardier a deal of good. Against that past-master of ringcraft, Eddie McGoorty, he boxed well within himself, and when the American made his effort in the twelfth round and had him very groggy, Wells showed splendid heart, and hung out the round with grim determination. It was entirely the opposite to the temperament which we are used always to associate with Billy Wells, and we think we are safe in saying it regained him many friends. But while he left the ring with all the honours that belong to a conqueror, McGoorty was not forgotten. As a matter of fact, the crowded Holborn Stadium accorded the American high praise. In bare accord with the sporting Britishers' love of fairness, they could not do otherwise. Outweighted and outreached, McGoorty, against admittedly the cleverest English heavy-weight of the last two decades, boxed superbly, and had he not been in the veteran stage the Bombardier would, we think, not have come up for the thirteenth round. In his game and plucky effort—it was the effort of a great fighter—McGoorty went all out, but like Driscoll, Jim Sullivan and all the others, he was beaten by age. Wells boxed better and showed more fight than ever before, but he is not yet our "white hope." In the next round—the thirteenth—McGoorty was a very tired man after his effort; he should have put the American down for keeps, but as was the case with Journee he seemed afraid to get right in to the finish. It is a very bad trait of the Bombardier's, and he will have to overcome it if he is going to maintain the prestige he has gained by his displays this year. As a display it was quite the best fight that we have seen for a long time, and in striking contrast to the comic opera affair of Frank Moran and Tom Gummer a few days earlier.

FOOTBALL.

Seldom has League promotion been won on such convincing merit as that of Tottenham Hotspur, who have attained the distinction by clean and clever football and an *esprit de corps* that does them and the game infinite credit. Players and Directorate alike are to be congratulated—there is no room in such a club for the slacker, or for players who resort to shady methods.

Apropos of the Spurs' present team, an old international declared to us recently that it is superior to that which won the Cup in 1901. He also averred that Grimsdell, despite recollections of the great Ernest Needham, has never been excelled as a half-back—and yet it will readily be recalled that the transfer of Grimsdell from Watford some years ago caused dissension in the Hotspur ranks on the score that a bad bargain had been made!

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This list cannot be completed until all the unsold tickets and counterfoils have been returned to 8, Marble Arch, with the money for the tickets sold. Every single ticket was put into the Ballot, whether sold or unsold, and a hundred extra numbers were allotted to allow for any tickets which might be unsold or cancelled. A great many winning numbers are still at the office awaiting verification before they can be published.

Letter from Father Bernard Vaughan.

SIR,—May I, through your esteemed columns, say a word about the Golden Ballot Prizes? I wish, while congratulating the winners of the prizes, not to forget to remind the less fortunate contributors to the scheme that never did they invest their money more wisely than when they put it into a Settlement for our disabled sailors and soldiers.

It has been my duty to look into the business basis of this organisation set up by Mrs. C. F. Leyel, under the patronage of the Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Beatty, and now I can assure the public that none of the money which they have contributed has been diverted from the object for which it was given, so that our boys in blue and lads in khaki may, in the near future, find provided for them a Sanatorium and Settlement in which they may spend their days happily and profitably to themselves and to their Country.

Yours truly (Signed) BERNARD VAUGHAN.

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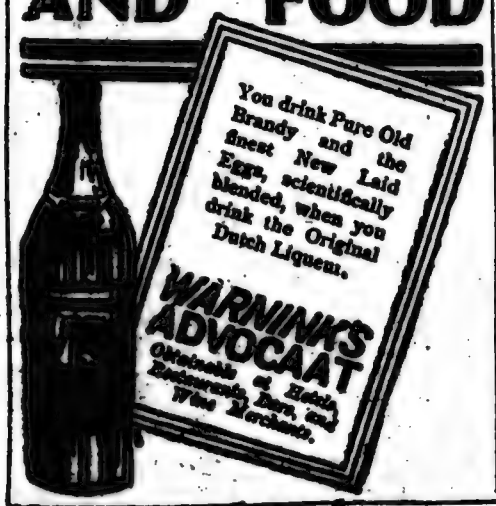
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"TOMMY."

Leave:—Of course Tommy in Ireland is on war service, but that is no reason why the men entitled to a month's leave, including the R.F.A. Brigade at Athlone, should be granted only sixteen days, two of which are spent in travelling.

"'Shun," Please!—If what we hear from the Shotwick Aerodrome at Queensferry is true, we would advise the C.O. to inspect the cook-house and the men's mess—and he might invite the Sanitary Inspector to accompany him.

Now We Know It:—We are asked by the Ministry of Pensions to say that the recent statement that all classes of Conchies were to be entitled to pensions is untrue. As a matter of fact, the only "Objectors" entitled are those who came to their senses and served as soldiers—which is as it should be.

Bilked!—At the Base Depot of the R.A.S.C. at Calais are about 200 men whose contract states that they should be paid £3 5s. a week. At present they receive French notes at the Army rate, which has never been equal to the Bank rate—being at present 48 francs to the £ as against about 60. The Treasury is hard up, but those petty pilferings from the soldier do not make for loyalty or contentment.

The Price of Victory:—A battalion of the army of occupation in Ireland recently held a platoon football competition, and the players were given to understand that there would be a substantial prize for the successful team. The competition lasted for two days, and the winners played four hard games. When they lined up for their prizes the O.C.'s wife presented each of them with a pair of regimental socks—which the disappointed men tell us were drawn from the Quartermaster's stores on the same afternoon. They seem to do it on the cheap in that battalion.

"JACK."

Tommy, Not Jack:—Soldiers mentioned in despatches are to wear an oak leaf on the Victory Medal ribbon. What about the Navy and the Bird-men? Are they to be left in the cold?

Our Health!—From the Union Jack Club:—"Dear Sir, Thanks to your efforts; all the R.N.R.T.s. stationed at Devonport have been demobilised. It may interest you to know that before we left that famous place we drank your health in Irish, Scotch, and jolly good ale. No doubt about it, things do happen when Bottomley gets on his hind legs. Yours faithfully" (many signatures). Cheerio, boys!

More Money:—Salvage money is now ready for distribution in the Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy for the salvage of the s.s. *Keelung* by H.M. tug *Pert* and H.M.S. *Magnet* on 1st July, 1917, and the salvage of the s.s. *Adolf Deppe* by H.M. tug *Francis Batey* on 30th January, 1919.

Buy Your Own "Windows":—It is now laid down that officers and ratings whose natural lamps are dim and who must wear glasses on duty are to buy them out of their pay. Happy taxpayer!

Our Daily Thanks.

From U.T., Oxford.

Dear Sir,—I am again writing on behalf of my sister-in-law to thank you for your kind efforts in obtaining for her the gratuity due on the death of her husband, and am pleased to say that on Tuesday last she received a draft amounting to £121 3s. 11d.—which goes to prove that unless one appeals to such good people as yourself the unfortunates of the Great War do not get their full rights."

"THE SILVER BADGERS."

Secretaries of Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' organisations, in sending cases of injustice or other information, should mark their envelopes "Silver Badgers."

Byng Will Stay:—Statements have been made to the effect that Lord Byng is about to retire from the Chairmanship of the United Services Fund. This would not be like the Victor of Vimy. As a matter of fact, he is only about to take a well-earned short rest after his long-drawn vigorous work in war and peace.

Happy Hospital—Happy Club:—A movement is on foot to form a club, with headquarters in London, for all those who passed through the incomparable Summerdown Convalescent Military Hospital, which was presided over by Miss Sylvester Samuel. There must be many Summerdowners in London, who should communicate with her at 19, Cadogan Place, S.W. As a start, a meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on the 24th inst. at the Central Hall, Westminster. We wish good luck to the movement.

The Stranded ex-Officers:—We are asked by the Officers' Association to point out that if any ex-officer cannot pay the annual subscription of 10s. 6d. he may join as an associate member without payment, and will be eligible for all the benefits of membership, including financial assistance. The address is 48, Grosvenor Square, W.1. Another excellent movement.

Loyalty's Reward:—The Clonmel Guardians have decided that no member or ex-member of the British Army in Ireland or of the Royal Irish Constabulary shall be admitted for treatment to the Union Hospital. What has the Irish Local Government Board to say to this? As we have already stated, the lot of returned Irish soldiers is far and away the hardest in the Kingdom. Loyal employers are afraid to give them work owing to the hatred towards them and their relatives, and their only chance of obtaining employment is by accepting the Sinn Feiner's invitation to recant their loyalty and join the rebel ranks.

"The Greatest of These—"

Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

A Living Death:—A widow of 61 is blind in one eye, and the sight of the other is impaired, whilst she has but one leg, which is partly paralysed. The poor woman is also "stone deaf," depends upon the parish, and was in want of nourishment until she wrote to us.

A Down-and-out-Family:—This is a case in which the father is unable to work, although he has a wife and six children, one of whom is ill. To make matters worse, the woman is about to become a mother again.

Jack's Trouble:—An ex-sailor who is totally deaf finds it hard to obtain casual employment. His wife is ill, and one of his four little children has died.

How is it Done?—An ex-soldier who is ill has a wife and two children, and the total income of the family is 10s. a week. Naturally, they were in an impoverished state until we were applied to.

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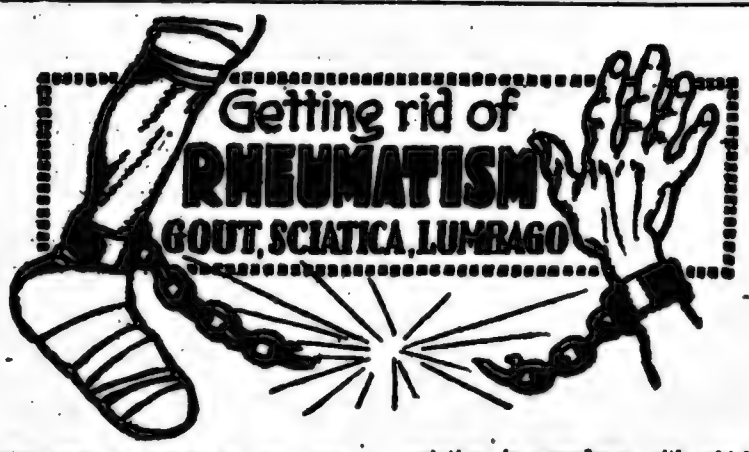

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GOVERNMENT EXTRAVAGANCE.

Revenue and Expenditure: Formidable Figures.

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FORTUNATELY it is not often necessary to expatiate at great length on the National Balance Sheet, which is usually a sealed book to the general reader, but the present situation demands something more than a passing reference. During the war expenditure was necessarily on a colossal scale, and I am afraid it has had the effect, to a large extent, of destroying for the time being our sense of proportion. When we get accustomed to talking glibly about thousands of millions, figures cease to have any intelligible meaning to the ordinary mind. We live in cloudland, and we shall have to come down to earth if any solid progress is to be made towards the "reconstruction" about which we hear so much and see so little.

The Year's Revenue.

In the financial year to March 31st the revenue amounted to 1,340 millions in round figures—£1,339,571,380 to be exact, but I shall not weary the reader with strings of numbers which are difficult even for the expert to grasp. The total was 450 millions more than for the previous year, and 140 millions in excess of the revised estimate which the Chancellor of the Exchequer submitted last October. Such a glaring discrepancy is not creditable to the Treasury officials, even when allowance is made for the fact that 265 millions of special receipts (mainly from sales of war property) are included, which it would be impossible to calculate with any approach to accuracy. There is no excuse, however, for an error of 30 millions in Customs, of 15 millions in Excise, and of 10 millions in Stamps, to mention three of the most important items, but it is perhaps consolatory that the mistakes have proved to be on the right side.

The Year's Deficit.

Expenditure chargeable against revenue amounted to 1,666 millions, and there is consequently a deficit of 326 millions, which has had to be made good by borrowing. Here also the Chancellor or his expert advisers went sadly astray. In April last he budgeted for a deficit of 250 millions, and in October he put the figure up to 474 millions—so he was far out in both his guesses. The expenditure turns out to be seven millions below the estimate and 914 millions less than last year, when the war reached its climax of effort and costliness. The saving, as compared with the estimate, is trumpery, and I must point out that if sales of war property and other special receipts had been credited to capital (as they ought to have been) instead of to revenue, the deficit would have come out at 590 millions. Perhaps, however, it is useless to quibble about a trifle of that kind!

Debt Creation and Redemption.

During the year debt to the amount of 6,080 millions was created, of which 3,146 millions was in the form of Treasury Bills, and 1,980 millions of Ways and Means advances. In addition the Funding Loan produced 231 millions, Victory Bonds 244 millions, Exchequer Bonds 67 millions, National War Bonds 52 millions, and War Savings Certificates 72 millions. On the other hand, 5,757 millions of debt was paid off, including 2,995 millions of Treasury Bills, 2,229 millions of Ways and Means advances and 106 millions of Exchequer Bonds. At March 31st the floating debt stood at 1,312 millions, or just 100 millions less than a year ago.

Budget Prospects.

According to the estimates already submitted for the current year, the Chancellor will have to Budget for an expenditure of at least 1,200 millions, and it will probably be considerably more. In any case it is fully six times the amount required before the war. That is a terrible burden to carry in peace time. Allowing as much as 600 millions for debt charges, pensions and other unavoidable expenses arising from the war, the balance for civil services, etc., seems excessive, and it will have to be reduced if we are to avoid very serious trouble. It is no use blinking the fact—the country cannot squander money at this rate and prosper. Government extravagance is one of the main causes of high prices, and these in turn create the demand for higher and ever higher wages. So we move in a vicious circle from which there is no possible escape, except by cutting down expenditure. But for doles and subsidies of one sort or another and an army of useless officials to administer them, it ought to be possible to cut down the Budget by anything from 200 to 300 millions. As a first step all "controls" ought to be abolished, and realisations of war property, paid for out of borrowed money, must be religiously earmarked for the redemption of debt.

Effect on Government Securities.

Last month the fall in the market value of Government securities amounted to nearly 5 per cent.—or, say, £400,000,000. That was largely due to the grotesque scheme for taxing war-wealth, and the reason for starting that hopelessly impracticable idea was that the Chancellor had not the courage to say bluntly that he must cut his coat according to his cloth. He is frightened—and rightly—at the amount of the floating debt and at the persistent decline in the price of Government stocks, but he goes the wrong way to work to remedy the evil. What a difference it would have made if he had refused to allow the £250,000,000 realised from sales of surplus stocks to be treated as revenue, but had insisted on cancelling an equivalent amount of debt! And if he had declined to sanction expenditure for the current year exceeding at most 1,000 millions. That would very quickly have checked the fall in securities and there would have been no necessity for a bediamite inquiry about a levy on war-wealth.

A Serious Menace.

Meantime the fall continues with spasmodic intervals, and it is becoming a most serious menace to the financial health of the country. Confidence is being shaken to its foundations, investors are disgusted at the steady depreciation of their capital, and they will not be easily persuaded to subscribe to another Government loan until conditions are radically altered. "What is the good," they argue, "of lending money to this spendthrift Government? Ten or fifteen per cent. of the capital is immediately lost, and instead of paying off floating debt the Air Force will get a different coloured uniform or the Guards a new set of buttons, and that will be the end of it." That is a dangerous attitude to cultivate, but it has been most successfully done by the failure to adopt the most elementary precautions for the protection of investors who lent their money to the State in its time of sorest need.

Wesleyan and General Assurance.

This old-established Birmingham office has had a record year, the new business in the Ordinary Department being the largest transacted in any one year during the existence of the Society. The Report and Accounts disclose an extremely strong position, the total assets amounting to upwards of four millions, of which more than half are represented by British Government securities, but, as I have pointed out above, they have substantially depreciated in value. Still, the Report states that they have all been purchased since the outbreak of the war, and in every case are definitely redeemable at prices in excess of those at which they were purchased.

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As you know, the response made to the offer of our new shares was most gratifying. The whole issue was very quickly over-subscribed, and with each succeeding post bringing in heavier and heavier batches of applications we were obliged to close the lists several days before the advertised date.

As to the business of the bank, I am glad to be able to state that the results of our new issue of capital have more than justified the optimistic views which I put before our old shareholders when I addressed them on December 12 last. (Applause.) We are still adhering to our policy of keeping our resources as liquid as possible. As I anticipated would be the case, the general business of the bank has made great strides, and indeed has expanded to such an extent that it has far outstripped the capacity of our present premises and necessitated a removal to new ones.

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A. E. S. (New Milton).—Our proposals for the reform of the public-house seem to have escaped your notice. Did you ever taste a Jerusalem cocktail?

J. A. C. (Oxford).—Sorry you have such a poor opinion of Members of Parliament. Did you ever know one to speak to?

W. B. H. (Manchester).—Conscious of our own rectitude, we prefer to ignore the journalistic faults of our contemporaries. After all, you needn't buy the papers.

"LANCE-CORPORAL" (Norwich).—We note that you are in touch with some of our Hackney friends who call us "Uncle." Playful lads!

"MILK" (Hornsey).—"I have never managed a dairy." Neither have we, so we have that much in common.

H. R. (Lowestoft).—"It is time the country knew the truth about Germany." We agree, but those who *won't* read their JOHN BULL must put up with the consequences.

H. L. (Johannesburg).—"So Mr. Palmer scored a victory." He did, and stood cigars all round.

"WIDOWER" (Jarrow).—Your account of the hardships inflicted upon widowers with children by the present Income Tax regulations would melt the heart of a gorilla. We must have a word with Austen.

"PENSIONER" (Cornwall).—In your efforts to secure a living pension we are yours to a cinder, and shall lose no opportunity of pressing the matter upon the attention of the Government.

C. S. H. (Devonport).—Much interested in your plans, but afraid at 17 years of age you are not quite ripe for Parliamentary honours. Meanwhile, if you want to make money quickly, you should start a ham-and-beef shop.

G. D. (Bracknell).—"The reforms you agitate for are mostly brought about sooner or later." That, if we may say so, is a matter of history.

"MOTHER" (Polegate).—You may count upon our sympathy with any workable scheme for the assistance of widows struggling to bring up a family.

"READER" (Bishop's Lydiard).—"People are asking why Germany is not to pay when she is well able to do so." They are, and we are shouting. "Hear, hear!" with all our might.

"JOHN BULLITE" (Putney).—That report of our death was quite untrue, and you have our fullest authority to contradict it.

H. H. (Jarrow-on-Tyne).—"Are there no business men at the head of Departments? Is it not time we had a sweep out?" Jacky Fisher has already said "Sack the lot," but they take a lot of sacking.

"DEMOBBED" (Exmouth).—"Are you willing to lend me £500 to start a smallholding?" The spirit is willing, but the purse is weak.

"IVOR MACSILLAR" (Edinburgh).—Your poem in the Scottish vernacular is a noble effort. Be sure and deliver a copy to the British Museum.

C. W. (Dorset).—As was proved by the recent defeat of the Government, the House of Commons concurs in your view that "Police pensioners are deserving of extra consideration."

"TOMMY ATKINS" (Cork).—Quite right, it was a lovely war for some people. Awfully good of you to avoid all reference to the Irish Question.

E. C. (Chatham).—Sorry cannot undertake to print your four pages of abuse of the local clergyman. None the less, we admire your style.

R. S. (Clevedon).—"I don't care a fig whether people are titled or not." Nor do we, being full of beans.

G. C. T. (Islington).—"The girl is quite aware that she is robbing a man of a job." Probably she has her living to earn, but it is a hard case all the same.

"BRADFORDIAN."—Glad to know that the Bradford City Council rejected the proposal to offer the town's hospitality to 1,000 infant Huns.

H. L. (Monkseaton).—Thanks for article from Brazil newspaper. Might have written it ourselves, mightn't we?

W. C. S. (Battersea).—"There are still girls who are doing men's work for a sweated wage." To their employers' shame and their own discredit.

A. J. (Marble Arch).—A school teacher who strikes a scholar so hard as to cause concussion has missed his vocation. He should be a stone-breaker. Perhaps the pedagogue concerned will duly note.

J. T. (Oxhey).—To conform to some kind of religion or another is instinctive in the human race. We therefore think your proposal to "scrap" all religions and start afresh is as impossible as it is absurd.

C. H. C. (Spalding).—Why be disappointed because "the G.P.O. has no principles"? Do you expect the pyramids to play hop-scotch? Sign the form; it is only red-tape.

A. C. S.—So you have been dreaming and "the Vision was dressed all in black crape." In your words, "this is very sad." Next time you dream, do it in less than nine pages.

DAVY STEPHENS (Kingstown).—Thanks for wishes for Easter from "Ireland's newsman." Wishing you a happy Whit.

"ONLY A DESERTER'S WIFE" (Manor Park).—Your husband deserted to save his home and child. Unfortunately, there is no King's Pardon for such offenders—yet.

J. C. (Peckham).—If your Army character, "V.G.", was not good enough for the Norbiton employer, what on earth *did* he want? As he advertised "Fare Paid," he should pay you for your thankless journey.

MRS. J. W. (Stratford).—"Yes, Mr. Palmer, M.P., To thrash a poor kid to death they go free; but to find a thing in the dust box, though not worth a tanner, They get 12 months' hard without a good dinner." Truth is stranger than diction.

MRS. E. B. (Cobham).—We hesitate to say that a fine should *never* be imposed in cases of cruelty to children. The offence varies so greatly in gravity.

E. C. H. (Camden Town).—Thanks for verses on "The Fleet at Southend," which you have our full permission to print and circulate at your own expense.

MRS. I. B. H. (Norfolk).—It must be "some" tour to cost £20,000—unless, of course, this figure includes an outfit of summer clothing.

J. P. (Wigan).—Looks as though your "portable poultry houses" have gone for a run on their own. We shall be terribly anxious till we hear of their safe arrival.

S. J. H. (Lavender Hill).—The programme at the picture palace ought certainly to agree with the bills posted outside. If it happens again, you should demand your money back.

W. E. (Campbelltown).—"Man long ago acknowledged woman as the weaker sex." He did; but you had better not blow about it nowadays, or you'll get yourself disliked.

W. T. T. (Bristol).—We note your suggestion that our readers should club together and put up a row of cottages. How many of them would you require for your own use?

MRS. W. K. (Swindon).—You are probably correct in your surmise that Lady Astor "does not know what it is to feel 'stony.'" Personally, we doubt very much if she has ever dined on sausage and mashed.

R. R. (Manchester).—We should require to know a lot more about the promoters of the National United Housing Association, whose headquarters appear to be 52, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, Manchester, before we gave it our blessing.

"CLERICUS" (Guildford).—It is certainly high time that the clerks working at the Ministry of Pensions Medical Board, at Guildford, received the rise and back pay that was promised them.

"TWENTY YEARS FARM-WORKER" (Hull).—"I see you say that 40s. a week is plenty for a farm man." You're another. We said it was a "living wage"—not plenty.

G. J. P. (Letchworth).—Congrats. to your N.F.D.D.S.S., on ousting the Pacifist skunks at the U.D.C. election. It makes Letchworth a little more savoury.

R. O. (Guilane).—We do not believe in feeding anybody in Hunland while there is so much hunger and suffering at home.

"ANONYMOUS."—"Food prices still are too high. Freights are the chief thing to bring prices down." Yes, but freights are going up.

W. Y. (Boscombe).—"Bournemouth would probably be well served by an investigation on your part. I haven't much time to go into the matter myself." What makes you think we are less busy than you?

MRS. H. (St. Leonards).—You seem to have worried anybody who is anybody about the inadequacy of retired teachers' pensions. The best advice we can give you is to keep on doing it.

"ATHLONE" (Ireland).—"Can you tell me how it is that such excessive prices are demanded for provisions in this town?" As an English soldier, the shopkeepers may not love you.

G. H. P. B. (Clifton).—"I looked closely in your issue for any criticism on the unsavoury Sievier case." *We* didn't. An appeal is pending—and we know something.

MRS. E. S. (Derby).—"I said years ago that rather than confess my sins to a priest I would confess them to you." Oh, dear lady!

"ABLE SEAMAN" (Seattle, U.S.A.).—"I hope you will always be up against this rotten Prohibition racket." As long as we are able, seaman.

"SICKENED" (Richmond).—No man allows himself to be henpecked unless he is chicken-hearted.

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E. M. (Lea Bailey Hill).—"What do you think of drapers round here charging 3½d. for 100 yards cotton reels, which works out at 1s. 2d. for what Coats charge 10d. for?" Sinners.

"BRITISH BLUE" (East Indies).—"Ninety per cent. of the lads in the Navy are of the same opinion as you." Sensible lads!

"GREENOCK LADDIE."—"I am sane and I am sober." We believe you, although strictly speaking, you should have enclosed medical certificates.

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MR. J. DUNDERDALE (Preston), the poor fellow referred to, desires also gratefully to acknowledge the gift of £1 from D. J. C., Burton Court.

"GLASWEGIAN" (Chile).—Obliged for "ideas" upon the subject of the British War Debt. If ever you are this way, drop in—and we will teach you how to clean your typewriter.

H. T. P. (Kingstown).—Thanks for "novel pension plan," but if you want us to form a company to run it you will have to wait till after the summer holidays.

MRS. V. E. E. (York)—Your Limerick has tickled us vastly. We are saving it up for Christmas.

W. J. (Shrewsbury).—What is the meaning of this new Limerick craze? It's as bad as measles.

F. McP. (Coventry).—The idea of the person whose advertisements you send us appears to be to make a profit out of disabled ex-Service men whom he may induce to hawk stationery on his behalf. It is a mean one, at best.

"AN OLD THINKER" (Hornsey).—Before you talk about "disposing of" our Royalty, you had better think again.

MR. G. A. FYFE (2, George Drive, Govan, Glasgow).—Inacknowledging the receipt of the cheque for £1,000, first prize in our Bullets Competition, No. 867, tells us that he is aged 35, a machine man in the shipyard, and that the winning effort was entirely his own. We are sure our readers will heartily congratulate him.

K. J. (Berks).—So you always read *Pan* now that you know we are behind it? If you mean that we always have it in front of us you are correct. We agree with you that it is well worth the extra tanner.

F. B. (Derby).—"Income Tax weighs heavily on the war widow"; true, but some poor souls have lost both husband *and* income.

E. R. J. M.—"Every time the boy's ball goes into her garden she charges 3d. to give it back." The boys should do the Sunny Jim act, and be over the fence before the cat jumps.

"A BUCKINGHAMSHIRE FARMER."—"I should like it to be asked in the House of Commons why eleven big stacks of hay should be stacked at Stoke Mandeville station." Some ass of an Under Sec. would say it was to feed the engines.

"AN OLD READER" (Finsbury Park).—You want us to suggest a suitable trade name for a smoked haddock and a kipper. We propose "whiffer" and "niffer."

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SAYING YES	FEARING THE WORST	UNWILLING	BURNING QUESTION
ALL GONE	AMERICAN FIGHTERS	LAYING DOWN LAW	TAXING THE RICH
JUST AS WELL	NOBLE DEEDS	LEADS TO CONFUSION	HOW TO SETTLE IRELAND
SOME DAY	FILLED WITH PRIDE	WORKING WONDERS	WEARING WORRIED LOOK
DREAMING	CAN'T GO WRONG	OUT OF CONTROL	TIPPING THE WINNER
FULL HOUSE	CHANGED TIMES	SAYING NOTHING	THERE'S MONEY IN IT
RISING	WHO SAID THAT	OFF COLOUR	HONEYMOON COUPLE

No.____ Closing Date, Thursday, April 22nd.
Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(372) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
If 1 coupon is used P.O. for 6d. must be sent.
Signed _____
Address _____

☞ IF UNABLE TO SECURE EXTRA COUPONS YOU CAN WRITE YOUR "BULLETS" ON PLAIN PAPER.

No.____ Closing Date, Thursday, April 22nd.
Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(372) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
If 2 coupons are used P.O. for 1/- must be sent.
Signed _____
Address _____

ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED "BULLETS" No. 372 "JOHN BULL," LONG ACRE, LONDON, W.C.2

No.____ Closing Date, Thursday, April 22nd.
Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(372) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
If 3 coupons are used P.O. for 1/6 must be sent.
Signed _____
Address _____

No.____ Closing Date, Thursday, April 22nd.
Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(372) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
If 4 coupons are used P.O. for 2/- must be sent.
Signed _____
Address _____

Selection of Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 373.

A LIVING WAGE—SECOND HUSBAND—IN GOOD TIME—DOING HIS BIT—ALL THERE—FACING THE FACTS—CAUGHT TRIPPING—GRASPING—MOST TIRESOME WHEN—FULL OF SUSPICION—WORRIES MOTHER—I DON'T BELIEVE—WHEN FAVOURITE LOSES—FINAL RESULT—PLEASES THE CROWD—HALF ASLEEP—A GOOD BUST—GIVEN AWAY—COME TO STAY—ALL OUT

These examples can be made use of on the coupons above, and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, April 29th.** All coupons so used **MUST** be clearly marked with the number **373** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 373, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such coupons must not contain any of the Thirty-two examples for Competition 372.

List of 10s. Prizewinners in "Bullets" Competition No. 369 will be published in next week's "Competitors' Journal." Complete List of all Cash and Other Prizewinners can be seen at the offices of "John Bull."

Result of 369th 'Bullets' Competition.

FIRST PRIZE OF £250:

Mr. C. GREYSON,
54, James St., Gillingham, Kent.
Example:—WICKED.
Bullet:—IDLE—RICH OR POOR.
(Sent in on a Free "Target" Prize Coupon.)

SECOND PRIZE OF £20:

Mr. STANLEY MILLINGTON,
14, Rutland Gardens, Harringay, N.4.
Example:—A CLOSE RACE.
Bullet:—MAKES EVERY "POUND" TELL.

THIRD PRIZE OF £10:

Mr. J. F. TUTT, 1, St. Cross Rd., Winchester.
Example:—DRINKING.
Bullet:—ALL AMERICA'S "GIVING UP."

10 PRIZES OF £5 EACH:

MR. EVERINGHAM, Ebor Cotts., Fulford, York: SHARING THE SPOILS—EVERYBODY ASKS "AT ONCE."

MR. F. FERREY, Mayfield Bk. Rd., Christchurch: A FAIR KNOCKOUT — YET GERMANY "KEEPS PURSE."

MR. J. FROST, 1, The Broadway, Bexley Heath: WICKED — PACIFIST CONSIDERS SCHOOLBOYS' DRILL.

MR. A. H. WARR, 4, Hills Court, Pennsylvania Rd., Exeter: DRINKING——TO PROSPERITY—POSTPONES ST.

MISS E. PAGET, 16, Dixon St., Hulme, M/c.: STILL RISING——BOTTOMLEY—TO "BETTER THINGS."

MR. W. CRAWFORD, 185, Walmer Rd., W.11. NOT SO BAD—ASQUITH—NOW WAR'S OVER.

MISS E. HINTON, The Pantheon, Oxford St., W.1: TAXING WAR FORTUNES—"RAID" SHOULD FOLLOW "WARNING."

MR. CALVER, Barrow Hill, Lower Clatford, nr. Andover: WANTING THE EARTH—BETWEEN IRELAND AND ENGLAND.

MR. J. PARKER, 18, Higher College Croft, Eccles: WANTING THE EARTH—WILL WILSON "MANAGE IT."

MR. W. YATES, 44, Buchanan St., Leigh, Lancs: TAXING WAR FORTUNES—"SHAVING" THAT ENCOURAGES "GROWTH."

10 PRIZES OF £2 10s. EACH:

MR. E. MILLS, 1a, Arlesford Rd., S.W.9: LLOYD GEORGE'S LATEST—TITLE—HE MUSN'T EARN.

REV. ROBERT GAIN, Skeyton Rectory, Swanton Abbot, Norwich: STILL RISING—TO NATIONALISM'S BAIT—WORKER.

MRS. ANNIE WILLEY, 33, Seymour St., Cockton Hill, Bishop Auckland: IN A HURRY—TO REFORM WORLD—NOBODY.

MRS. J. HARDACRE, 33, Kittlingborne, Higher Walton, nr. Preston: NO CATCH—IF COALITION CAPTURED ASQUITH.

MR. PALMER, 162, Wentmoor Rd., Burton-on-Trent: NOTHING EASIER — THAN FUSION — PREMIER THOUGHT.

MRS. E. SOVELL, 107, New Bridge Rd., Hull: A CLOSE RACE—GERMAN BLUFF—ALLIES' PATIENCE.

MR. BURNETT, 18, Talbot St., Ashton Gate, Bristol: A SCREAM—ALLIES MAKING KAISER "APPEAR."

MISS A. BENTLEY, 1, Old Town, Croydon: SHARING THE SPOILS—SOME "KEEP QUIET" THEN.

MR. V. J. YORKE, 2, Beresford Terr., York: BIG MAJORITY—A BOLSHEVIK HANDFUL GOVERNS.

MR. G. R. OFFER, Station Rd., Alsager, Ches.: WICKED—WHEN SINN FEINER'S KILLED.

BULLETS RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality. The right to divide a prize or prizes among two or more competitors is reserved.
2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.
3. All four coupons may be used, but each coupon must be accompanied by a postal order for 6d., made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed _____ and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Competitors sending more than one coupon may enclose one postal order for the full amount covering the number of their coupons. Coupons must not be defaced in any manner.
4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned to their respective senders.
5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.
6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

"PASSING SHOTS"—FIRST PRIZE INCREASED TO £250 THIS WEEK.

This is a companion competition to "Bullets" and 2,548 Prizes value over £500 MUST BE WON.
FULL PARTICULARS AND COUPONS IN "PASSING SHOW" AND "PICTURES AND PICTUREGOER," BOTH OF WHICH ARE ON SALE EVERYWHERE, PRICE 2d.

THE JOHN BULL

GREAT FREE FIRE INSURANCE

COVERING ALL RISKS BY FIRE TO HOME, LIFE & LIMB.

UNDER this most unique FREE INSURANCE OFFER anyone above the age of 10 can be insured irrespective of sex. The premium charged by any Fire and Accident Insurance Company for a policy similar to the one we offer would certainly exceed 5s. per annum. We offer it to you absolutely free.

We have made our insurance as simple and comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any "Legal representative" or "next of kin." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated thereon, and to no one else.

A separate coupon must be filled up in respect to each person to be insured.

This offer applies only to persons residing in, and property situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.

The full conditions governing this scheme will be published in the first issue of each month.

WHAT WE WILL PAY:

For Damage to contents of Home by Fire up to	£200
In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home	£200
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye	£200
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye ..	£100
Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the injured person from following his, or her, employment, up to ..	£10
In the event of a Temporary Total Disablement up to 13 weeks..	£1 per week

ORDER FORM
To be obtained by Newsagent.

To _____ Newsagent.

Please deliver "JOHN BULL" to me regularly until further notice

Signed _____

Address _____

April, 17, 1920.

You must also fill in the Registration Form, which will be found next to this, and post it to JOHN BULL Insurance Dept. 32, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, where your name and the name of your nominee will be duly registered.

REGISTRATION FORM
Which must be posted to—
JOHN BULL INSURANCE DEPT., Long Acre, W.C.2.

This is to notify that I have this day placed an order for the regular weekly supply of JOHN BULL with

_____ Newsagent, of

_____

and desire you to register me as a regular subscriber under the terms of your Insurance Scheme.

In the event of my being injured or killed, or of my home or its contents being damaged, I hereby nominate to receive any payment due under this insurance, first myself, or in the event of my death:—

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____

Signature of Insured _____
(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)

Home Address _____

April, 17, 1920. _____

To remain qualified for the benefits, readers must continue to have "John Bull" regularly supplied to them.

Enclose 1d. stamp if an acknowledgment of receipt of Registration Form is required.

LAST WEEK £1,000 MUST BE WON LAST WEEK

FOR CORRECT OR NEAREST CORRECT COUPON WITH RESULT & ATTENDANCE AT THE CUP FINAL TO BE PLAYED ON APRIL 24th

This is your last chance for the huge prize of £1,000 in connection with the Cup Final between Huddersfield and Aston Villa. You are not required to give goal scores; only the result of the match and the correct or nearest correct forecast of the attendance.

RESULT AND ATTENDANCE AT LAST TEN CUP FINALS.

		Attendance			Attendance
1910	Newcastle U. beat Barnsley	77,747	1911	Bradford C. drew with New. U.	69,098
1911	Sheffield U. beat Hull C.	69,068	1912	Barnsley drew with W.B.A.	54,434
1912	Barnsley beat W.B.A.	54,556	1913	Aston V. beat Sunderland	120,028
1913	Aston V. beat Sunderland	72,778	1914	Burnley beat Liverpool	72,778
1914	Burnley beat Liverpool	72,778	1915	Sheffield U. beat Chelsea	49,457
1919	Sheffield U. beat Cardiff C.	59,000	1919	Aston V. beat Huddersfield T.	53,000

The first nine matches were played at Crystal Palace, the last was played at Old Trafford.
The above results and figures are taken from the "Athletic News" Football Annual.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO

is to give the result of the Cup Final to be played at Stamford Bridge on April 24th between HUDDERSFIELD and ASTON VILLA, and the correct or nearest correct figures of attendance. **BEFORE FILLING IN YOUR COUPON MAKE A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE LAST TEN RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE AS GIVEN ABOVE.** The £1,000 prize will be awarded in accordance with the result and figures of attendance as officially supplied to "The National News," and published therein on Sunday, April 25th.

This Competition is run in conjunction with the "National News."

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

(1) All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issues of "JOHN BULL" and the "NATIONAL NEWS" announcing this competition. Coupons must be written in ink, and must be filled up in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

(2) The sum of £1,000 will be paid to the sender of a coupon containing the correct result and attendance at the Cup Final to be played on April 24th. If no competitor sends a coupon with both these forecasts correct, the £1,000 will be awarded to the sender of a coupon containing the correct result, and the most nearly correct forecast of the attendance. If for any reason full time be not played, the result up to half-time will be taken as the result of the match. The correct result will have priority of claim over figures of attendance. In the event of a tie the £1,000 prize will be equally divided. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £1,000.

(3) Any coupon which has marked upon it more than one cross or on which no cross is marked will be disqualified.

(4) No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into, nor will interviews be granted. Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified. Any coupons received later than Thursday, April 22nd will be disqualified.

(5) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

CUT HERE

CUT HERE

Cut out coupon neatly and address all entries as follows—"Football Competition, John Bull, 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2." Write "Cup Final" in top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other competitions.

COMPETITORS CAN SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS THEY LIKE IN THE SAME ENVELOPE. SCOTTISH AND IRISH READERS MAY COMPETE.

"JOHN BULL" FREE CUP FINAL COUPON.

HOW TO FILL IN YOUR COUPON.

First make a careful study of the results and attendance at the last 10 Cup Finals, then, in one of the three spaces below, put an X in ink to indicate the result of the Cup Final and in the space headed "ATTENDANCE," write in ink the number you think will attend.

ONLY ONE X MUST APPEAR ON EACH COUPON.

Competitors can send as many coupons as they like in the same envelope.

HUDDERSFIELD v. ASTON VILLA.

TO BE PLAYED AT STAMFORD BRIDGE, APRIL 24th, 1920.

HUDDERSFIELD WIN	ASTON VILLA WIN	DRAW	HUDDERSFIELD v. ASTON VILLA ATTENDANCE

Coupons must be cut—not torn out.

I enter "John Bull" Football Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions on this page and agree to accept the Editor's decision as final and legally binding, and enter on that understanding.

Signed .....

Address .....

CUP FINAL. .....

Here it is——

Just the Raincoat you need at Manufacturer's price

No matter where you look, where you go, or where you enquire, nowhere can you get the equal in quality and value to

THE STYLISH **SARTOR Raincoat**

Price **34/6**

Just sit down **NOW** *and write a postcard for our new Art Catalogue.*

It is a revelation in value—it tells you how you can save half your money on your new Rain-coat.

For the Sartor is Genuine 3-Guinea value.

It illustrates Sartor Raincoats in Ladies', Maids', Gent.'s, and Youths' styles, made in quality Gabardine, check lined and finished to perfection.

Send your postcard now, and our Catalogue will follow by return, with free selection of patterns of cloth. You take no risk in dealing with Sartor. Satisfaction is guaranteed or your money refunded full.

SARTOR MANUFACTURING CO.

(Dept. J), 55, OXFORD ROAD, MANCHESTER

THE DOUGLAS PRUNER
PATENT
but your hair at Home!
The DOUGLAS PRUNER
You can cut your own hair any length you like—comfortably at home—in a few minutes. It is nothing but a process of combing. Use it as you use a comb. The result is always smooth and even. It trims just a little off long or curly hair or shaves the neck, just as you like. Do not doubt these statements; you can try the DOUGLAS PRUNER free for seven days. Send price 5/6 for a DOUGLAS PRUNER complete with spare blade. If you do not like it send it back and we will return 5/6 to you without question. All British. Over 10000 satisfied users
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Are you troubled by Eczema or Pimples?

Are you worried by itching, burning Eczema? Are you disfigured by ugly pimples or an unsightly rash which makes you ashamed of your looks? If so, Antexema will free you from it. The first touch stops all irritation and gives you ease and comfort, and starts your cure. You have then to continue using Antexema to be completely cured. Eczema, face spots, rashes, bad legs, bad hands, and all other skin troubles of children or adults are ended by using Antexema.

Get Antexema To-day.

All chemists and stores, also Boots', Lewis and Burrows', Taylor's Drug Co., Parke's and Timothy White's, supply Antexema at 1/3 and 3/-, or post free in plain wrapper 1/6 and 3/-, from Antexema, Castle Laboratory, N.W.1. Also throughout India, Australasia, Canada, Africa and Europe.

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Easiest to Learn, Write and Read. Only 6 Rules and 20 Characters. A Knowledge of Dutton's Shorthand will enable you to Earn More Money. Complete Theory earned in 24 Hours. Send stamp for 20-page Illustrated Book let and Specimen Lesson to DUTTON'S BUSINESS COLLEGE (Room J), BREGNERS, 5, 6, 7, Victoria Buildings, St. Mary's Gate, Manchester. & 92 & 93, Great Russell Street, London, W.C.

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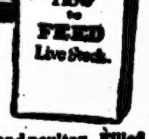

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A post card will do. Get our wonderful free booklet, "How to Feed for Bigger Live Stock Profits." Reveals valuable information on the feeding of swine, cattle, horses, sheep and poultry. Filled with interesting pictures. Also describes our wonderful course in Live Stock Feeding. Right methods of feeding all kinds of live stock, the raising of baby beef, the growing of foods, scientific rationing—all taught in detail. No matter where you are raising live stock, write today for free booklet and learn how to master scientific feeding at home. We have brought the school to live stock feeders. Get our free booklet. Write to-day. Just mail a post-card. Live Stock Feeding Assn., Div. 1683, Pleasant Hill, Ohio U.S.A.

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For the Hands and the Household. In Tins at 4½d., 8d. and 1/9.

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Tiny Tonic Tablets.

For INDIGESTION, CONSTIPATION, LIVER, or ANÆMIA.

50 Tablets 1/3 — ON SALE EVERYWHERE. — 250 for 5/-

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The original MILLS EQUIPMENT CLEANER again obtainable at all Canteens.

CLEANS WATERPROOFS, RESTORES WEB ACCOUTREMENTS.

6d. per Packet. Approved by War Office.

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Preserve Your Good Looks

Indigestion and constipation are largely responsible for the premature loss of youthful charm and youthful energy. Indigestion results in an ill nourished body with consequent weakness and debility. Constipation causes an accumulation of waste matter and poisons in the system which sap the vitality, cloud the spirits, spoil the complexion and add years to your appearance. Consequently, if you would feel young and look young for a long time you will be well advised to keep your digestive organs in good order. You will find Beecham's Pills a great help in this matter. They have a valuable tonic effect on the stomach and liver and promote the regular action of the bowels. In a word Beecham's Pills help you to keep young.

BEECHAM'S PILLS.

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Germolene, the New Aseptic Remedy Prevents Wound Poisoning and Heals Like a Charm.

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One of the active principles in Germolene is the extract of a North American plant long used by the native races as a remedy for snake bite and poisoned wounds, and combined with this are healing principles of proved efficacy.

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State length when ordering. *A Recent Customer writes:* "Thanks very much for Trench Coat. It's topping."

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Magnificent quality, lined wool. Absolute protection against the keenest winds and extremely comfortable. If made to-day would cost at least 50s.

Price 16s.

(State chest measurement)

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Australian Bedford Cord Riding Breeches	12/6
Grey Whipcord Trousers (new)	10/6
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Cardigan Jackets (new)	15/6
Ditto (cleaned and repaired)	6/9
Civilian Black Boots, brand new, all sizes, worth 7 Guineas	2/9

Send for Bargain List.

TERMS: Cash with Order (Money back guarantee). Orders treated in strict rotation. Goods sent carriage paid.

CURRIE'S STORES.

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INFLUENZA COLD POWDERS

Pure, Harmless, very Efficacious.

A new, genuine, scientific compound to prevent, relieve and cure. Many testimonials. (Instructive pamphlet free on request). Boxes 1/5, 3/2 & 5/2, post free, from manufacturer, **LEA, Chemist, Southport.**

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Made in Rugby.

The Light for Little Folks

Always "looking at the pretty pictures" or spelling out the "hard words," small eyes sometimes tire and their little heads ache. Let them satisfy their nautral thirst for knowledge, but see that they have a good safe light—the light from Mazda lamps.

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DRAWN WIRE ELECTRIC LAMPS

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MODERNISED PROVERBS.

"All is not gold that glitters."

just as all substitutes fall far short of BORWICK'S for making deliciously light pies, pastry, cakes, &c.

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Insist on having BORWICK'S.

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